OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
659-14TH ST..
OAKLAND. S-12

AN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF LABOR PUBLICATION

EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

THE ONLY OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER OF ORGANIZED LABOR IN ALAMEDA COUNTY

Owned, Controlled and Published by CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OF ALAMEDA COUNTY and BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL OF ALAMEDA COUNTY

Vol. XXIII, Number 52 — Oakland, California, Friday, October 21, 1949 — Single Copies Five Cents

OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY NOV 1 1949

LUCKY SETTLEMENT WITH CLERKS NEAR; FIGHT NARROWS DOWN TO SAFEWAY-BECK

REPORT —TO OUR READER-OWNERS

At An Important Meeting

Not long ago a very important meeting was held, and at this meeting one man got up and expressed himself as opposed to what all the rest of the speakers had been saying.

The editor of East Bay Labor Journal was there, taking notes on what each speaker said.

Next day, writing up a report of the various speeches, when the editor got to the notes he had taken on what this one man said, the editor thought:

"Now, I don't believe he'd like to have his exact words set down. For one thing, sometimes when a man gets up on the floor, he says a little more than he really intends to say, and if you report his words baldly and flatly, it amounts in effect to misrepresenting the man.

"Also, often a man who is a loyal member of a group will when a decision is first being discussed, talk against it, but later, he goes along with the group's decision, and becomes one of the most valiant fighters for the chosen policy. Then he doesn't like to have words staring at people there in the paper of the group, saying that he opposed the policy in the first instance."

Mistaken Thoughts

Such were some of the thoughts that ran through the editor's mind. Then there was that darker thought, familiar to all experienced newspapermen:

"Even the most frank and straightforward of men, after they have said something in a speech which later they regret saying, are tempted to claim that the paper misquoted them."

With these thoughts running through his mind, the editor did something he rarely does. He looked down in his report in the paper what the man had said on the subject at the meeting.

★ ★ ★

Just Grievance

Now our friend who made the speech feels that he has a grievance. He feels that if the paper reported any part of his brief speech, it should have reported the whole gist of it, so that the central idea expressed would get across.

Our friends is absolutely right. He has a just grievance. All that tact, or diplomacy, or muddleheadedness, or whatever it was, that the editor displayed, was a big mistake.

Moral: Report the truth, and let the chips fall where they will. And how heavy some of these chips are sometimes, and how they do fall on one's head!

Shelley's Headquarters Call Attention to Support of Teamsters

Committee for Shelley

Shelley-for-Congress headquarters calls attention to the unanimous endorsement of John F. Shelley's candidacy for Congress in the Fifth District special election November 8, by Joint Council of Teamsters No. 7, of the San Francisco Bay Area.

News of the endorsement was carried as a lead story in the current issue of the Council's paper, "Teamster Report," under this heading: "Joint Council breaks rule to put Shelley in Congress." The story said in part:

"For the first time in recent history, Joint Council of Teamsters No. 7 entered a political campaign when it gave its unanimous vote of approval to Jack Shelley's race for Congress."

Culinary and Bartenders Local 823 Sign 'em Up

Ruby Hall reported at the Central Labor Council meeting lately that of three complaints against employers by Culinary and Bartenders Local 823, two had been settled amicably, and the third would result in economic action by the union.

The settlements were with Little Pig and Tom's Sea Food, which have signed with the union.

All three complaints were taken up by the CLC executive committee.

NOTICE! Millmen 550!

Special meeting of Millmen's Local 550 in the auditorium of the new Labor Temple at 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 26, with business of importance to be taken up.

Entertainment, dance, and refreshments in the auditorium of the new Labor Temple the evening of Saturday, October 29.

Fraternally yours,
WALTER O'LEARY,
Business Representative

Cannery Assn. Cited by BTC Before Board

Officials of the California Processors and Growers, Inc., were cited to appear before the building Trades Council's Board of Business Agents, it was announced at the BTC meeting Tuesday night.

The delegates voted the board full power to act in the matter.

J. Paul St. Sure is attorney for the big organization of cannery employers.

FOOD CLERKS' STRIKE

Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash gave a report to the delegates on his recent trip to St. Paul to confer with AFL President Green and others on the strike of the Food Clerks.

A summary of Ash's report is given elsewhere on this page.

BTC Business Representative Jack Reynolds told the delegates that he appreciated very much the fact that every local union affiliated with the BTC had backed the moves against the big food chains and against Dave Beck.

Beck has not succeeded in his efforts to break the Clerks Union, Reynolds pointed out, and he felt that the solid support given by BTC locals had helped greatly to defeat Beck's scheme.

HOUSING HEALTH PLAN

The Board of Business Agents was given full power to act in negotiations for a uniform health plan for all crafts employed by Oakland Housing Authority.

The health plan of Painters 127, it was felt, may be adopted by the Housing Authority. It has already been adopted by the Richmond Housing Authority and the Contra Costa County Housing Authority.

All crafts affected were urged to attend the meetings to discuss the plan.

TRAVEL TIME DISPUTE

The dispute over travel time on the Livermore Hospital job was now being discussed, Reynolds reported, by President Gray of the AFL Building Trades Department and Mr. Rockefeller of the Government agency.

Workers on the job have gone three months without travel time, and it was expected that President Gray would soon have something substantial to tell Reynolds.

THE CULPRIT LEAVES!

Reynolds reported on action taken by directors of the Labor Temple Association with regard to a union which had been charged with recruiting strikebreakers for the Beck drive against the Food Clerks.

But no action by the directors had been necessary, he reported, as the culprit had hastily summoned a moving van and left the Labor Temple.

OAKLAND HOUSING FIGHT

T. J. Roberts, Operating Engineers 39, reported on the action taken by the Oakland City Council to put a statement on the petitions for the special election sought by anti-housing forces.

Roberts pointed out that Councilmen Morcom and Fletcher had voted against putting any statement by the City Council on the petition. He urged building trades members to attend the meeting of the AFL Political Committee this week to consider the housing fight and matters coming up at the election November 8.

Reynolds pointed out that the key vote in the City Council was the vote on striking out from the City Council's statement on the special election petition the paragraph which stated that "Oakland is deficient in housing accomodations."

Striking out this paragraph, said Reynolds, effectively emasculated the statement. He cited those City Councilmen who voted to strike out the paragraph: Fletcher, Morcom, Shattuck, Sweeney, and Mayor Rishell.

GAUDEL'S APPOINTMENT

It was announced that Hugh Caudel, president of the Contra Costa Labor Council, had been appointed a member of the Richmond Housing Authority.

Hughie Rutledge, Painters 127, said that the erroneous impression had got around that Bob Lee of the Laborers was merely a member of the Richmond Housing Authority, but the fact should be borne in mind that Lee was the top man in the Housing Authority in Richmond, holding the post of executive director.

Reynolds said that Governor Warren had made a good appointment in naming Mike McDonough of the Plasterers to the State Housing Commission. He noted that there were now two labor men on the commission well known locally, McDonough and J. Earl Cook of the Sheet Metal Workers.

KURT ON PAPER COMMITTEE

Acting President Miller announced the appointment of J. H. Kurt of IBEW to the Labor Paper Advisory Committee, succeeding William Breakfield, Painters 127, resigned.

BECK PREPARING TO LAY BLAME FOR HIS DUD BOMB ON HIS HAPLESS STOOGES

(Editorial)

In a column adjoining this will be found the full text of a statement appearing in Dave Beck's own special paper, the Washington Teamster.

Beck in that statement is preparing the way for his alibi. His bomb in the Bay Area, hurled at the AFL Food Clerks, has proved a dud.

So now he bleats: "Beck was in Europe!"

Mohn and Conboy, Beck's stooges here, who wouldn't dream of starting a big war on the Clerks Union which involved so many ramifications as this, without checking in with Beck are obviously scheduled to be the goats in this deal.

Beck was in Europe, so Mohn and Conboy went ahead and started this thing, made a deal with Safeway, launched a war on the Clerks and on the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades which are very well known to be fighting organizations, without Beck's knowledge!

Of course, there are not telephone communications with Europe, no radio, no airmail!

———

The fantastic alibi, or preparation for alibi, will prove a warning to other officers of the Beck menage. If they do something for the Big Beck Boss, if it works, he gets the credit, if it loses, they get the blame.

Of course, Mohn and Conboy are in no danger. They are part of Beck's top brass, and it's a recognized part of their job for them to take the heat while he takes the meat.

But it's a warning which will certainly be heeded by officers of the Teamos in the lower echelons, and by members, too, who never had a chance to vote on the starting of this war, but are expected to bestir themselves for the Beck machine.

———

The reckless ignorance with which Beck runs his juggernaut is also revealed in the Washington Teamster statement. For the statement refers to Teamster Joint Councils on both sides of the Bay. But if Beck took his organizational structure seriously, and didn't just consider it a pack of cards for him to gamble with, he'd condescend to know that there is only ONE Joint Council of the Teamos for the whole Bay Area.

But why should Beck bother to know about such things? He's always in Europe, or Seattle, or somewhere, running the deal here by remote control.

Mixed in, too, with Beck's preparation for an alibi in the Washington Teamster is the utterly fallacious statement—there's a three-letter word for it, you crossword puzzle fans!—that the locals on both sides the Bay are enthusiastic for this Mohn-Conboy-St. Sure-Safeway scheme cooked up while Beck "was in Europe."

The truth is that neither the Teamsters Joint Council—singular, not plural, Davie boy!—nor the local Teamster unions have been in favor of this plan to combine the Teamsters with Safeway and put them under the joint chairmanship of Beck and St. Sure. The good rank and file teamsters in this area had no chance to discuss this precious scheme at all. There's been no consent before or since on their part.

Beck's stooge Mohn took local members and officers completely by surprise with his pronouncement that they must line up with the employers. They had already pledged support to the Clerks' strike, and had arranged to have the Clerks withdraw a suit in Los Angeles against the Teamsters. But Beck's stooge doublecrossed them, didn't try to deliver his part when the Clerks withdrew the suit, made the Teamsters' officers who had naturally and properly pledged support to a sister AFL local's strike look very queer indeed.

———

Naturally, with all this grim reality to face Beck knows that the whole scheme is collapsing, and he'd better get his alibi ready.

For Beck knows that it'll take a lot more than the frantic legalistic maneuvering of his man Mathew Tobriner to get him out of this one!

Tobriner is clever, and he may be conscienceless in serving as one of Beck's stooges here, but he isn't clever enough to pull the Big Boss out of this one! Beck is at least smart enough to know that.

Chest's Board in S. F. is Rapped for Sponsoring No. 2

State Federation News Service

The San Francisco Labor Council last Friday night publicly spanked the local Community Chest agency for playing pension politics.

In a severe reprimand, the council went on record condemning the Community Chest for endorsing Proposition No. 2, the state pension repeal measure to be judged by the voters of California on November 8.

The council made it clear, however, that it would continue to support the Community Chest drive in San Francisco despite the deplorable maneuvers of welfare politicians.

7-cent Offer Weighed by Furniture Workers

John Odoni reported for the Furniture Workers at the Central Labor Council meeting recently that the employers have made an offer of 7 cents an hour increase, and that it is being referred to the membership for decision.

Odoni said he did not know what the action would be, as 13 cents would be far more in line with the Bay Area pattern of increases in other industries.

Sheet Metal Local 216 Endorses the AVC

AVC Press Release

Sheet Metal Workers Local 216, at recent meeting joined an increasing number of East Bay local unions in formally endorsing the purposes and program of the American Veterans Committee (AVC), and in establishing a veterans' organizing committee in the local to facilitate AVC membership.

Appointed to head the veterans organizing committee was Donald R. Kennedy, recording secretary of Local 216.

World Affairs Men

World Affairs Council

Monroe E. Deutsch, President of the World Affairs Council of Northern California, announced today that the Council's Executive Committee has appointed Howard A. Cook Director, and Richard G. Heggie Assistant Director of the Council.

Cook has been with the Council as Program Director for the past year. Before coming to San Francisco he was Assistant Director of the Council on World Affairs in Cleveland, Ohio. Heggie, a graduate of the University of California, was Vice-President of the National Students Association last year.

Beck in Europe, He Says, When E. Mohn Began Fight Here

The Washington Teamster, published in Seattle, headquarters of Teamsters Executive Vice-President Dave Beck, carried the following article in its October 14 issue, with the subheads and boldfaced paragraphs reprinted by East Bay Labor Journal exactly as they appeared in the original:

Supremely confident that none of the 11th hour campaign falsehoods and misrepresentation of the outlaw machinists will change the extremely strong trend of the Boeing workers toward the AFL, Aeronautical Workers and Warehousemen's Local 451, is waiting for the NLRB election at the big airplane plant.

RESOUNDING REBUKE

Enthusiastic meetings of members of Local 451, who are working at Boeings, have been held during the last week at the Teamster building, and plans have been made to make the election a resounding rebuke to the Machinists 751 local.

The glaring example of Machinists' deliberate misrepresentation of the Teamsters was shown in the full page ad which they published in The Seattle Times on Wednesday. This ad, which referred to a dispute in Oakland, carried a vicious and utterly false attack on Dave Beck, executive Vice President of the Teamsters International Union.

BECK WAS IN EUROPE

The fact that Vice President Beck was in Europe at the time of the Oakland dispute and that the action of the Teamsters in the Bay region was approved 100 percent by their Joint Councils on both sides of the Bay, was well known to the Machinists but they were not, and have not been in the past, interested in either truth or facts where their own selfish plans are affected.

Teamster International Representative Einar Mohn William J. Conboy, at San Francisco and Oakland, were and still are in full charge of the situation in the Bay area. The fight there was started by the clerks when the Teamsters, as is their national policy, decided to carry out their written contracts with their employers, as required by the federal law. Because the Teamsters refused to violate their agreements, the clerks entered into a deal with other jealous elements to oppose them.

PREDICTS VICTORY

John Sweeney, AFL representative in Seattle in the Boeing dispute, declared last minute lies of the Machinists would avail them nothing. He predicted a sweep to the AFL Local 451 in the forthcoming Boeing election. Robert Graham, secretary of Local 451, and Fred Englert, Director of the Western Conference of Teamsters, joined Sweeney in predicting a victory for Local 451.

$10,246 is Awarded to Injured Ironworker

Elmer O. Francis, a structural ironworker and member of Union Local No. 378, was awarded a total payment of $10,246.00.

Brother Francis sustained an injury while working for Kiss Crane Company in September 1947 and suffered injury to both his feet.

An award of the Industrial Accident Commission issued October 7, 1949, provided that, in addition to the temporary compensation payments in the sum of $2,056.00, that Mr. Francis be given a permanent disability rating of 68¼% amounting to $8,190.00, or a total payment of $10,246.00.

Joseph E. Smith, of the law firm of Smith & Parrish, Financial Center Building, Oakland, represented Brother Francis.

No Split Shifts

Bookbinders' Union

Arbitrator Edgar L. Warren has just issued an award upholding Los Angeles Bookbinders and Binderywomen's Union No. 63, AFL in its claim that Triangle Publications, Inc., publisher of the Daily Racing Form is not entitled to work "split shifts" under the union contract.

Robert W. Gilbert and William B. Irvin, Attorneys for Local No. 63, explained that the ruling affirms the proposition that "matters of custom or equity" will not be considered where a specific labor contract provision is clear and unambiguous.

Crippled Children's Guild

To raise funds to provide needed medical, hospital and other care for Alameda County youngsters, the Handicapped and Crippled Children's Guild will stage a rummage sale on Wednesday, October 26, in the organization's headquarters, 5017 Grove Street, Oakland.

Mrs. Walter Ollson, chairman, has announced that hours will be 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

St. Sure 'Not Ready' to Face Election; Ash Makes Report

As East Bay Labor Journal went to press, Lucky Stores had made it plain that they had enough, and their representatives were discussing details of a settlement of the month-long strike of Food Clerks 870.

Signing of the contract by Lucky management with Local 870 seemed near at hand.

On the demand of Food Clerks 870 in Alameda county and Retail Clerks 1179 in Contra Costa county for an NLRB certification election in the food stores of the two counties, both Willard Johnson, attorney for Safeway, and Mathew O. Tobriner, attorney for Dave Beck, told NLRB they were "not prepared" to answer the question as to what unit they felt should be set up for the proposed election.

Leaders of the Clerks Union felt that with Lucky asking for negotiations of the details of a settlement, and with practically all other stores already signed up, the fight was narrowing down to one with the Dave Beck-Safeway-Paul St. Sure combination.

A summary of the situation follows:

1—Picket lines of the Clerks in both counties were being observed generally by the public. The picketed stores were down to a tiny fraction of their usual amount of business, and those that had already signed contracts with the union were filled with customers.

2—Central Labor Council Secretary Robert S. Ash reported to the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council on his conference in St. Paul with AFL President William Green on the strike and on actions taken by the CLC and the BTC concerning the Teamsters.

3—Ash and President Green exchanged additional telegrams on the strike and the role played by the Teamsters top officers following Ash's return to East Bay from St. Paul.

4—Hagstrom's food stores, which had signed a contract with Food Clerks 870 and had been picketed by Teamsters Local 70, brought suit against the Teamsters Union for $500,000, alleging that the picketing was "motivated by malice in retaliation for Hagstrom's signing with the AFL Clerks Union." Superior Judge T. W. Harris issued a temporary restraining order stopping the picketing by the Teamsters.

5—The boycott of all Teamster-hauled goods, originally set for October 15 by the CLC and the BTC was held in abeyance until further notice owing to the failure of the Teamster's top officers to effectuate their threat to picket all stores which signed with the Clerks.

6—A conference between Teamsters General President Dan Tobin and Clerks General Secretary-Treasurer James A. Suffridge in Indianapolis this coming Monday was arranged by AFL President Green.

7—The regional NLRB office in San Francisco conferred with representative of the employers, the Clerks Union, and the Teamsters Union on the setting up of the certification election asked for by the Clerks.

8—Teamsters Executive Vice-President Dave Beck disclaimed responsibility for launching the attack on the Clerks Union in East Bay, laying the onus on his representatives Einar Mohn and William J. Conboy, and stating that he, Beck, was in Europe when the trouble started. But Beck insisted the Teamsters were strong for the policy.

9—East Bay Labor Journal wired Beck asking him to instruct his representatives to give the editor each week any statement they wish to make to the AFL people of the East Bay, and assuring him that such statements would be printed in full, whether or not they contained criticism of the paper's policies.

10—Fred Irvin, secretary of Teamsters Retail Delivery Drivers Local 588, moved his headquarters out of the Labor Temple. He had been summoned before the Temple Association's board of directors to show cause why his union should not be ousted from the building for "recruiting strikebreakers."

ASH'S REPORT

Ash in reporting to the CLC and the BTC delegates on his trip to the AFL convention in S. Paul and his conference with AFL President Green made no bones about it that there was a widespread fear of Beck's supposed power in AFL circles.

"When I walked into the convention hall," said Ash, "the reaction of some of the California delegates there made me feel that I was back in the middle ages in the days of

(Continued on Page 3)

Food Clerks in St. Louis Win After Striking

ST. LOUIS (LPA)—Thirty-five of 60 food stores which closed when the AFL Retail Clerks walked out, have reopened after signing contracts calling for a 40-hour week instead of the old 45 hours, and at no cut in pay.

The A & P, Kroger and Tri-City Grocery Co. stores remained shut, with negotiations continuing.

2 Labor Paper Committee Members Have Resigned

Two members of the Labor Paper Advisory Committee of the Central Labor Council and the Building Trades Council have resigned from the committee since the two Councils and their publication, East Bay Labor Journal, adopted certain policies in relation to the strike of the Food Clerks and the conduct of high officers of the Teamsters Union.

The two who resigned were: Jack Kopke of Paint Makers 1101, who was appointed by the Central Labor Council; and William Breakfield, Painters Local 127, who was appointed by the Building Trades Council.

Kopke's letter of resignation, dated October 10, was as follows:

"This is to advise that I herewith immediately resign as a member of the Labor Paper Advisory Committee.

"My reasons are that I do not feel in sympathy with the recent news articles and editorials as set forth in The East Bay Labor Journal. Furthermore, I do not appreciate being misquoted or partially quoted."

Breakfield's letter of resignation to the BTC was as follows:

Please accept my resignation as a member of the labor paper advisory committee for the Building Trades Council of Alameda County.

It has been my extreme pleasure to have served as a member of this committee, but due to the policies of the publication of the present paper I feel it would be detrimental to me to continue in this capacity.

Fraternally yours,
WILLIAM BREAKFIELD

San Jose Teamsters Hurt In Hot Pineapple Deal Sue Longshore Pickets

Two San Jose teamsters injured when they tried to unload "hot" pineapple from a barge at the Dalles, Oregon, under orders from top brass of the Teamsters Union, filed suit this week against the CIO Longshoremen's Union and 33 members for damages totaling $14,400.

The plaintiffs were Raymond Curto, 42, and Clarence Rosales, 36.

The suits were filed in Portland.

The men were injured September 28 when longshore pickets resisted the efforts to unload the barge. Einar Mohn, Dave Beck's representative in the Bay Area, had stated that the pineapple was intended for use in making fruit cocktail in San Jose canneries where cannery workers, affiliates of the Teamsters, were employed.

NOTICE! Painters Local 127

All brothers are hereby advised that the next meeting of the Local will be a Special Called meeting for the purpose of electing one trustee, one delegate to the Alameda County Building Trades Council and three delegates to attend the annual convention of the State Building Trades Council. As all offices are contested, the brothers are requested to attend this meeting if possible. Any other special business to come before the meeting will be acted upon.

Fraternally,
FLOYD PEASLEE,
Secretary.

Nothing Personal

Notes on the cuff . . . Boy is our face red . . . and have we been taken to task by a group of gals in the Labor Temple for what they claim is a deliberate slight by this column on a new activity that has just been organized . . . The AFL Labor Temple Association Gals Bowling Team . . . It seems that Glenn McIntire who is quite an active bowler organized all of the interested bowling addicts among the feminine gender in and around the Labor Temple into a team and the gals have been bowling every Tuesday night at 8:00 p.m. at the Broadway Bowl.

★ ★ ★

A week ago Tuesday was the initial meeting and House Mother McIntire tossed a party for the gals that lasted . . . well . . . it lasted . . . Anyway the gals got off to a good start and have lined up some ten enthusiasts and while they haven't had a 100% turnout as yet they have had two lively sessions to date and are looking for more prospects so that they can organize more than one team . . . Team Manager McIntire sold the Directors of the Labor Temple Association on sponsoring the team and they are going to supply the team members with appropriate garb for lady bowlers . . . whatever that is.

★ ★ ★

Anyway the gals practice every Tuesday night and as soon as the bowling leagues open up they are going to enter one of the leagues. . . . The gals that have been tossing the ball around are Laverne Bradley, of the Chemical Workers office and Sign Painters, Ruth Gibbs, wife of the Laborers B. A., Maxine Omstead, of the Food Clerk Omsteads . . . Ray Lewicki of The Labor Journal, Eileen Collins of the Typographical Union, Dorothy Thrall who was secretary to the secretary of the Labor Temple Association and last but not least Verna Eliasen of the Building Trades Council.

★ ★ ★

Officers of the organization are Glenn McIntire manager, Eileen Collins, Captain, and Verna Eliason, secretary-treasurer . . . To date top score has been rolled by Ray Lewicki with 176 followed by Dot Thrall with 164 and Maxine Omstead with 156 . . . We understand that the gals have already been challenged by the Roofers Union Bowling team that did such a good job in the last bowling league under the name of Hochuly Roofers . . . Any and all interested gals should contact Eileen Collins and turn out on Tuesday nights at the Broadway Bowl . . . We trust that the above will get us off the hook, girls.

★ ★ ★

We also see that some of our unions are getting set for a little entertaining with the Joint Executive Board of the Bakery and Confectionery Workers having three affairs set for next week in San Francisco . . . The Bakers and affiliated groups have a luncheon, bus ride and dinner dance lined up to entertain delegates to the Joint Board meeting . . . The luncheon is set for San Francisco's famed Cliff House while the Dinner Dance is scheduled for DiMaggios Fishermans Wharf.

★ ★ ★

We note too that Painters Union, Local 127 has its Fiftieth Anniversary Party coming up in November . . . That's right it's the Golden Anniversary of the founding of 127 and we wonder just how many more local unions can look back on fifty years of organization here in Alameda County . . . The Painters have scheduled a Dinner Dance for their membership only at the Claremont and this affair will undoubtedly be a knockout to commemorate the fifty year milestone . . . as the Painters have always put on outstanding affairs and we are sure that this will be far above their excellent average.

★ ★ ★

One good crack we had told us was the one that Charles Dees of the Operating Engineers Local 3 pulled at the BTC meeting recently. . . . It seems that our neighboring city of San Francisco has painted a red thermometer up Market Street to keep a total of the money raised by the Community Chest . . . and Brother Dees suggested that Oakland do the same thing . . . only instead of painting a thermometer up Broadway all they had to do was borrow the very flaming Red tie that the BTC Representative had on that night and it would more than serve the purpose . . . besides saving the 20 Gees it cost.

More Longshore Work

Pacific Maritime Assn.

Longshore work hours, one rough measure of Pacific Coast cargoes, increased in September for the second consecutive month, according to a bulletin to all longshoremen from the Pacific Maritime Association.

Though September figures were not available, PMA said every port was ahead of August.

INSIDE NEWS of A. F. of L. LABOR UNIONS and AUXILIARY ORGANIZATIONS

SHIPYARD LABORERS 886

HARRY MILLER SAYS:

A meeting of Labor's League for Political Education of Shipyard Laborers Local 886 has been called for Saturday morning by R. J. Brennan, chairman. Brennan wishes particularly to commend the members of the Committee for the material progress made since the last meeting held officially more than six months ago. It is one committee which since its initial meeting has worked day and night along the lines determined in that meeting. No week day has passed since that time that didn't find several members of the Committee at work on some phase of political activity. It is indeed a commendable record.

The next meeting of Local 886 will be held at 8 p.m. on the night of October 28, at 2940 Sixteenth St., San Francisco. All members are urged to participate in this meeting of the union at which some important things will undoubtedly be decided. Democracy works only when those concerned are sufficiently interested to participate.

A. F. Bartholomew, business representative, has returned from St. Paul where he was the Representative of the International Hod Carriers, Builders and Common Laborers Union of America at the Metal Trades Convention.

Afterwards Bart was an observer at the AFL convention and has many interesting things to tell the membership concerning both of these conventions.

P.S. R. J. Brennan and Harry L. Miller are now Nits in the Ancient and Arabic Order of the Golden Fleas. Obligation was given by the Exalted Golden Flea, Tommy Rotell of the Metal Trades Council.

Let's get together, Fleas!

▼ ▼ ▼

OFFICE NOTES, LOCAL 29

All members of the union are urged to contribute as much as possible to the Community Chest. In the laundry industry the union is conducting a drive for funds as the contract precludes the employer from such activities. We should all do our part to help make our own community a better place in which to live. Labor now has a man working as a liaison agent between the chest and the unions. This man is Lou Blix and if you should hear of any deserving person being turned down by one of the Chest agencies be sure to contact Mr. Blix or the Union office.

On October 13, Business Agent Kinnick initiated 25 new members employed by the Stone-Webster Engineering Company. Although Local 29 won the election by a vote of 17 to 8, the "no" votes came to the meeting and joined the union along with the others. Several new employes who could not attend the meeting will be initiated later. Negotiations were started last Thursday with the company's attorney and labor relations director.

Permanente Hospital negotiations are being held up temporarily as Culinary Alliance Local 31 has not agreed to sign the proposed new agreement.

As soon as the hospital negotiator returns from the East another meeting will be arranged to work out a settlement satisfactory to Local 31. This contract is negotiated jointly by six unions.

Don't forget to vote on Tuesday, November 8th. The State Federation of Labor recommends that you vote as follows on State Propositions:

1—Constitutional Amendment for School Bonds ..... Vote YES
2—Constitutional Amendment Repealing Aged and Blind Aid ..... Vote NO
3—Constitutional Amendment re: Legislative Sessions and Legislative Pay ..... Vote YES

Be sure to read The Labor Journal thoroughly especially while the Food Clerks strike is on and during this pre-election period.

Peerless Stages Inc., negotiations have been completed. Gains were two holidays and 4 hours on Good Friday and Generel Election Day. An additional day vacations if holidays occurs during vacation. (The Company had a vacation policy of 2 weeks after 1 year). The Company agreed to a check off of dues, pro rata vacation, two fifteen minutes rest periods, sick leave, one week after one year, and one week plus one day after 2 years and after 3 years—two work weeks sick leave. Also free passes, termination notice or 2 weeks pay in lieu thereof, a fair seniority clause. Wage gains are from $10.67 to $21.80 per month, retroactive to August 1, 1949.

These new members pay $2.00 a month dues and receive all the above-mentioned gains—IT PAYS TO ORGANIZE. Secretary-Treasurer Colliver will present the above for approval to the members, Tuesday, October 18, 1949.

▼ ▼ ▼

'WATCH IT' WITH WATCHMAKERS

GEORGE F. ALLEN

My trip to Los Angeles was successful in that we signed an agreement for the Leslie Gold establishment at 126 Post St., San Francisco. The agreement becomes effective November 1st.

Also while in Los Angeles, I met International General President Morris and was invited to attend the dinner given him by the unions in Los Angeles. I am glad to report that President Morris acquainted himself with the watchmaker union situation as it exists in Los Angeles.

At the meeting held last Sunday with the Northern California delegates of the Pacific Coast Council, General President Morris answered all questions that were placed before him. I am convinced the representatives attending the meeting were quite satisfied with General President Morris' answers and believe the International is attempting to do the best job possible on the various problems confronting our local unions. President Morris made it quite clear that the International is terrifically handicapped due to the low per capita tax paid to it. We informed the delegates that there was a good possibility that an attempt will be made to increase the per capita tax at the coming Interantional Convention.

The dinner meeting on Monday night at the Palace Hotel that was attended by the officers, executive board and apprenticeship committee members was highly successful. President Morris complimented the organization on the excellent meal served. I am quite certain that President Morris made a good impression on the members of our union present that evening. George C. Lenfestey, our insurance advisor and Howard Rasmussen of the Federal Apprenticeship Training Service were guests of the union at the dinner meeting. The officers and executive board members of the Diamond Setters Union, Local No. 94 also attended the Monday night dinner meeting.

President Glasser and myself showed President Morris some of the interesting points in the city on Sunday night.

Monday night Secretary Burhans of the Setters and Chris Viar of our executive board took President Morris on a trip to the Top of the Mark, which President Morris had requested to see.

Wednesday morning, I personally escorted President Morris to the watchmakers class in Samuel Gompers school. He showed a great deal of interest and enthusiasm in this watchmakers training program.

President Morris also expressed a desire to see some of our redwood trees here in California, so on Wednesday afternoon I took him on a trip to Muir Wood in Marin County.

President Morris requested me to express his appreciation, through this column, for the courtesies extended him by the unions on his visit to San Francisco.

▼ ▼ ▼

DRESSING ROOM CHATTER

(Theatrical Employes B-82)

The final meeting of this month will be held tomorrow morning (Saturday) at 10 a.m., in the usual meeting place on the floor above the business office.

Meetings next month will be held on the 2nd Wednesday and 4th Saturdays at 10 a.m. and on the 3rd Thursday at 11:30 p.m.

We extend our deepest heartfelt sympathy to Brother Eddy Chew and his family on the loss of his brother, Robert. Robert died last Sunday of injuries sustained in an auto accident near Billings, Montana.

"Bobbie," who was only 20 at the time of his death, was formerly a member of this union, while employed at the Paramount Theatre, prior to his entry into the armed services. He was extremely young but accepted into membership, due to the conditions which existed at that time in the amusement industry. Although about 14 or 15, he acquitted himself very well in fulfilling the duties of his job, while many adults were taking advantage of the war to take it easy.

He eventually became a World War II Air Force veteran, after his graduation from Oakland Technical High School.

Final rites were held yesterday (Thursday) at the True Sunshine Episcopal Church.

Up and down the aisle . . . Elinor Holmes, formerly of the Roxie B. O. and husband "Les" Scarsella taking in the preview of "Project X" at the same house . . . Bob Taylor, a familiar theatrical figure on 17th St. for over a decade doing likewise . . . Sylvia Abreu, ace cashier at the Lux walking out on the preview of "Oh You Beautiful Doll" at the Fox-Oakland the same evening . . . Frank Volz, formerly on the door of the old American and Paramount, and now rounding out his 13th year with the railroad, when he isn't taking care of his various real estate holding, seeing a show for the first time in months . . . Minna Langella in from the ball park to take a withdrawal . . . Charlie Richter in to take a withdrawal from the Campus. Darrell Cochran is still commuting between the Campus and the Tower, while the local FWC execs, wonder why nobody will take the job . . . Welcome back to Mary Denton at the Del Mar B. O. as Louise Davis leaves to do Mgr. Glenn Caldwell's office work . . . Brother Connelly reports completion of negotiations at Iceland for the doormen, although they are still negotiating a new wage scale for the box-office. The boys received an increase of 62½ cents an hour, bringing them from $7.50 to $10.00 for a 4 hour shift . . . Colleen McCarthy Fenton, bowing out of the Roxie to prepare for motherhood, as is Elinor Kelly, head usherette, we hear, although Elinor will be on the job for some time yet . . . Grace Jones pinch-hitting for Peggy Haile, as head usherette at the T&D as Peggy who recently returned to the floor after an appendictomy, was forced out again temporarily . . . Wes Stone, on the phone to tell us of his latest romance at the T&D—Shirley Whited, and we thought he was still going steady with Marie Dickie at the G-L . . . Eileen Jessie, veteran cashier at the Esquire, taking a late vacation, as head usherette Mandora Minyard steps into the box-office as a temporary replacement . . . Angie Cordova will take over a floor shift for the two week period . . . A new permanent fixture at the Esquire is Dotty Terry, formerly of the Grand-Lake . . . Dues for the coming quarter will soon be due, according to Financial Secretary Taylor. Quite a few of the members are jumping the gun and paying ahead of time, so they won't conflict with the Christmas season. Incidentally if you haven't received a statement on your quarterly dues by next Monday, it would be a good idea to check with the business office, as you should receive, unless you've changed your address and failed to notify the union office or the post office . . . Eldien Kistner Smith, returning to the theatres now that the baseball season is over, and taking in the floor show at a local night club . . . Gunnar Froines, reportedly acting as coach for the major league all star vs. the minor leagues, when Luke Easter was here recently . . .

▼ ▼ ▼

STROKES FROM THE BRUSH OF LOCAL 127

By HUGHIE RUTLEDGE

The following brothers on the sick list at the present time: Max Bauer, Hugh Calloway, Walter Davisson, J. L. Deavours, E. E. Dedrick, Frank Dewar, E. H. Fullmer, O. L. Ferguson, Emil Falk, Frank Gardin, Max Gelobter, Clyde Gross, Morrell Harris, Harry Hansen, Charles Hoffman, Orville Jackson, V. B. Johnson, Pat Keeney, James Kinsir, C. R. Mansir, Charles Marshall, John Malmgren, J. C. McAdams, Everett McCarn, Erik Nauman, Ray Shearer, Gust Strom, Harry Thomas, Ellis Unger, C. Valentine, Lloyd Wright, Fred Wozney, R. E. Young, and A. C. Yorgens.

HEALTH PLAN:

Our new health and hospital plan is clicking now with very little confusion. We appreciate the response of the brothers to our plea to contact the office as soon as you need the services of a physician. Our arrangements with a prominent physician to handle our cases where the brothers do not have a family physician is proving very satisfactory. Several of the brothers have called the office to report in sick and we have had our doctor at the home within an hour. During the past week three of the brothers have been taken to the hospital because of the seriousness of the case. Again we ask the brothers to report into the office by phone immediately so that proper medical attention, and the necessary forms can be handled at once.

ENTERTAINMENT:

The entertainment committee which is now meeting each Tuesday evening reports that arrangements are coming along fine for our GOLDEN anniversary dinner dance. Tickets are being printed and will go on sale at the meeting of the local October 27. As previously reported, these tickets will be $2.00 each which is approximately one-third of the cost, the remainder being paid by the local. We will have the popular Jack Blue's orchestra and a fine program of entertainment. Don't forget that if you do not care to enjoy the dinner you may drop in after the floor show and the dancing to follow at no charge. The place, The FLORENTINE ROOM of the Claremont Hotel, the Date, NOVEMBER 18, 1949, with the time of the dinner to be printed on the admission ticket. The floor show will start at 9:30 p.m. and dancing from 10:45 p.m. on.

EMPLOYMENT STATUS:

We are happy to report that practically all of the brothers are busy with the exception of those changing jobs from one employer to another. Very few of the brothers have lost any appreciable amount of time this summer and the outlook is good for the coming months, until the rains come.

Next meeting of the local will be November 10.

▼ ▼ ▼

CARPENTERS' AUXILIARY No. 160

Carpenters Ladies Auxiliary No. 160 held their regular executive meeting at the home of Flo Bartalini. This meeting was held in the evening so our President could attend. An all around discussion of various problems pertaining to the auxiliary took up the time. Later Flo served supper. A most delicious jello salad along with especially fine mixed sandwiches, pickles, olives, potato chips topped off with a lovely chiffon cake, well I think every thing was "super" and I am sure all agreed and did full justice to everything.

Next executive meeting, November 9, will be at Jean Kinney's home.

Officers present at executive meeting: President Eleanor Clapp, Past President Jean Kinney, Vice President Agnes Anderson, Assistant Conductress Nathalie Stenling, Warden Aline Haake, Trustee Verinica Walsh, Financial Secretary-Treasurer Flo Bartalini, Press Correspondent Mae Bristow.

Baskets for Thanksgiving were suggested and as we will not have any meeting after October 28, we are asking any one who can to bring a can of something or something that will help a family at Thanksgiving. Please bring them to our next meeting. Call Eleanor Clapp for more data on this matter.

Remember our basket social on October 29. You are promised a very good time so try and be there.

November 12 will be our fall whist. Remember the date.

I am sorry to report that Esther Dedman has been under the weather. I hope she is better by the time this goes to press.

Mary Nall has had a very bad cold but is better now. Glad to hear you are better, Mary.

Past President Jean Kinney took Monroe to Fresno for a weeks vacation. They had a wonderful time visiting relatives and knowing Jean and Monroe I know the folks in Fresno had a wondreful time with both.

Jake Christianson is ill in the Naval Hospital at Mare Island. He suffered a heart attack. Address Naval Hospital, Mare Island, Ward 22. A card will help and he will know we are thinking of him and sending him good wishes.

Bert Shumake has been to meeting but is not too well as yet. He has to be very careful. He is improving and that is encouraging to both him and Betty.

The Auxiliary held their regular social night on October 14, 1949. A good crowd helped to make this a very pleasant evening. The committee, Ilene Morgan, Elma Newman and Nathalie Stenling arranged to have moving pictures shown. Two reels of pictures mostly of Utah took up all of the evening. Refreshments were then served. All voted it a good entertainment and all enjoyed the evening.

The holiday time is coming when we should all join together to help those who need us. Not only in a financial way but in a friendly way. A card or a visit or a phone call will mean so much to many of those we see often and more so to those we do not see. Some of our members have been shut ins for some time. Let us think of them. How about it?

A little word in kindness spoken, a motion or a tear, has often healed a heart that is sad or broken, and made a friend sincere.

Remember to BUY UNION FROM UNION STORES AND UNION CLERKS. HIRE UNION AT ALL TIMES.

MAE A. BRISTOW,
Press Correspondent

▼ ▼ ▼

PRINTERS' AUXILIARY No. 26

W. A. No. 26 CARD PARTY OCTOBER 22.

Be sure and come to this card party this Saturday night, October 22, at the Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez Street, Oakland. Time 8 p.m.

Cards, exceptionally fine prizes. A door prize of a union-made broom with the union label on it.

Refreshments after the game. Coffee and fine homemade cakes made by our members. A good time promised to all.

Reserve Tuesday, November 8, for business meeting at the Labor Temple.

There will be no business meeting on the first Thursday of November as we vote on international amendments November 8. I will advise you again in next week's issue.

Mrs. Don Tucker, our secretary, is home from the hospital and doing splendidly after a serious illness. How about sending a get well card?

MABEL A. PATTERSON,
Press Correspondent

AFL Cotton Workers Have Upset Scale Imposed From Above For First Time!

Wally Henderson, writing in the Fresno Labor Citizen (AFL) sums up the results of the recent strike of cotton pickers led by the AFL National Farm Labor Union as follows:

Do you know that a labor event more important than the Coal Strike, even more significant than the Steel Strike has taken place before your eyes?

For the FIRST TIME in the history of the San Joaquin Valley the collective action by agricultural workers has upset the wage rate established by the Growers!

The Farm Labor Union of the American Federation of Labor has defeated the Growers. The two dollar and a half per hundred pounds rate established by a meeting in Fresno last September has been raised through the strength of the Farm Labor Union to the present three dollar per hundred pound rate.

The representatives of the Farm Labor Union were ignored at the above Fresno meeting. The Union was forced to organize caravans that at times were composed of as many as one hundred and eighty-five vehicles. Many times the autos had to stop because some farm worker's car had run out of gasoline; but a collection was taken among the members of the caravan, and the car was refueled and the caravan continued. These caravans were orderly and peaceful. Not ONE act of violence occurred.

LEADERS ARRESTED

Yet, the growers put pressure on the law enforcement officers in Kings and Tulare Counties to arrest the leaders of the caravans. Loud speakers and caravans were held to be illegal in those Counties. Illegal, despite the recent United States Court decision holding similar ordinances to be unconstitutional.

The California State Federation of Labor sent their attorneys to the Valley to defend the agricultural workers. The Labor Councils raised money for bail. The fight continued unabated.

Finally, the State Conciliation Service intervened and was able to get an understanding between the Farm Labor Union and representatives of the Growers. The cotton pickers were to get $3.00 throughout the Valley. The Union was to cease caravan activity. Some of the growers, many small growers, lived up to this understanding. Temporarily, however, the bulk of the big growers held out. The workers refused to pick for the $2.50 rate. They only picked the $3.00 cotton. Soon all of Kern County was paying the $3.00 rate, then Tulare, then Kings and finally Fresno County. The Farm Labor Union had won this historic fight!

THE WORKERS LEARNED!

The workers in the fields learned during this struggle what the factory worker learned long ago: that well organized and well disciplined action is necessary to establish a living wage.

The farm workers and the growers learned that the public is sympathetic with the underprivileged when the issue is clear and fair. The decent grower, the honest merchant, and all other workers could not justify a decrease in the cotton picking rate this year. Why shouldn't the farm worker share in the government cotton subsidies?

Two dollars and one half cotton meant that the farm workers were slaves to the grower. Slavery was an accepted institution in this country before Lincoln. Southern cotton pickers were bought and sold with the bales. Human blood and cotton have long been associated. The best people in this valley must end this history!

We must end the cold and miserable winter the farm worker faces in his tent or shack. We must end the misery of the farm workers children. Beri-beri, rickets, tuberculosis are in the present and in the future for many of these children.

"OUR BROTHERS"

The farm worker must be covered under the humane laws that protect the city worker. They must be included under the Social Security Act. They must be included under the unemployment and welfare laws that now exist outside of agriculture.

These farm workers: Negro, Mexican and Anglo-Saxon are our brothers. They have hearts that ache and children that cry. Organized workers, with your privileges, business men with your opportunities, and growers with your vast acres you must all unite in seeing that justice exists to those whose hands pick the cotton that warms your backs.

The Farm Labor Union of the AFL has proven that it is responsible. The Associated Farmers attitude must change and a more human and realistic growers organization must be formed. People of good will in all walks of life must see that the present cancerous condition in agricultural life be cut out.

A responsible labor organization on one hand and an intelligent growers organization on the other can together work out this crucial problem. Justice and warm hearts on both sides will make this not only the most productive agricultural valley on earth. It will be the most splendid example of the practical application of the Brotherhood of Man!

Europe's Politics Is Theme at Forum

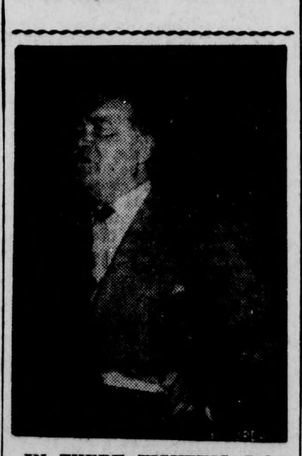
Oakland Schools Release

Dr. Alfred G. Fisk, professor of San Francisco State College, will be the first speaker at the Fall Session of the Technical Adult School Public Affairs Forum, beginning Monday evening October 24. His subject will be "What Is Happening in Europe Today."

Dr. Fisk is well qualified to speak on Europe by reason of his frequent travels and close study. He has just returned from conducting his third tour of Europe since World War II. His latest seminar in Europe included Great Britain, Sweden, France, Italy, Austria, Germany, Czechoslovakia, Poland, and Finland. On his trip, his seventh, Dr. Fisk and his group interviewed people in various walks of life in order to get a cross section of points of view. These included cabinet members of Parliament, labor and business leaders, clergymen and others.

The public is cordially invited to join the Forum by registering in the office or at the door of the auditorium. The Forum meetings will be held each Monday evening from October 24 to December 5. Further information may be obtained from Dr. F. M. Yockey, Principal of Technical Adult School.

According to Wendall M. Moore, director of the Forum series, the lecture is being anticipated with a great deal of interest not only because of Dr. Fisk's reputation as a popular forum lecturer and educator but also because of the importance of the subject to be discussed. Sessions of the Forum are held in the Technical Adult School Auditorium and start promptly at 7:30 p.m. After the lecture, members of the Forum are given an opportunity to ask questions pertaining to the subject.



IN THERE FIGHTING—Labor is up against a hard political battle in 1950, Joseph D. Keenan, director of Labor's League for Political Education (shown above) told AFL delegates at the St. Paul convention.—(LPA)

Much News of Many People!

PUBLIC HOUSING OPPONENTS in Oakland have announced they intend to circulate petitions for a special election to amend the city charter so that any public housing or slum clearance project would have to be submitted to the voters.

TAXI FARE BOOST of 5 cents per mile is scheduled to go into effect October 25 when final reading has been given by Oakland City Council to an ordinance authorizing the increase. F. Bert Fernhoff, attorney, told the City Council he represented both the employers and the AFL drivers, and that the increase would be spent giving the drivers a boost of 50 cents a day in their base pay.

STRAUS AND BOKE, respectively Reclamation Commissioner and California Regional Director for the commission, will have to sue in court to collect $8581 due them for back pay, the Senate decided this week, refusing to approve a House provision that they get it. Senator Downey, Democrat, California, has fought the two men for years.

AIR POLLUTION in the Bay Area will be the main subject of hearings to be held by the State Assembly Committee on Water Pollution in Oakland October 26, 27, 28, announces Assemblyman R. F. Dickey, chairman of the committee.

NOTED LABOR MEN were among the speakers listed at the three-day meeting this week of the Pacific Coast Management Conference. Two union speakers listed were: General Vice-President Roy M. Brown of the International Association of Machinists, and William Gomberg, director of the management engineering department of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union.

HENRY S. FOLEY, president of the CIO Carmen's Union in San Francisco, failed to convince Superior Judge L. T. Jacks that an order should be issued preventing a proposal to purchase the California Street Cablecar Co. from going on the city ballot November 8. AFL Carmen's Union officials claim Foley's suit was brought because the 140 workers on the cable line are AFL members, and their joining the Muni system would increase the AFL vote. There has been talk of an election ultimately to settle the question of which union should represent all the men on the Muni lines.

DAN DEL CARLO, secretary of the BTC in San Francisco, is a strong backer of John F. Shelley for Congress in the 5th District. So when he saw a folder sent out by the S. F. Republican Committee saying that it had endorsed Lloyd J. Cosgrove for Congress and Supervisor George J. Christopher, Del Carlo threatened to resign from the Christopher committee. But Christopher came out with a statement he wasn't teamed up with any other candidate.

STATE CIO Council, denounced by the national CIO as a front for the Communists, held a convention in San Francisco recently, backed Harry Bridges in his perjury trial, resolving that any union man who appeared as a Government witness against Bridges should be expelled by his union for life; and protested against the conviction of the 11 top Communists in the East. James Kearney, president of ILWU Local 10, opposed some of Bridges' statements before the convention, but received very little support for his argument from the delegates.

S. F. PARKING AUTHORITY has been set up by Mayor Robinson, with Lyle M. Brown as chairman. Brown, a telephone official, will retire in December from his PT&T job, and after that will devote full time to his post as head of the Parking Authority. The post is not paid. The new Authority is expected to solve the city's complex parking problems.

THE PRESIDENT WILSON, American President Lines luxury ship, has sailed for the Orient after a two-day delay caused by refusal of AFL Sailors Union of the Pacific to furnish a crew after 22 members of the union were brought before the Coast Guard on charges resulting from a fight aboard the ship in August. The fight arose from ill feeling between the AFL union members and members of the CIO Marine Cooks. A crew was finally furnished by the SUP after the company agreed to pay the 22 seamen for a voyage they will miss because of the Coast Guard hearing. Harry Lundeberg, head of the SUP, has predicted the Coast Guard would take his union to court to force it to produce documents connected with the fight on the ship.

MUNI RAILWAY deficit in San Francisco for the fiscal year ending June 30 was $2,488,347, says the annual report made by a private auditing firm. The deficit for the preceding fiscal year was $1,593,681. The increase in fares to 10 cents brought a decline in the number of passengers carried.

FARM EMPLOYMENT is again at a peak in California, Edward F. Hayes, in charge of farm placement for the State, said in Sacramento. On October 8, he said, there were 515,000 in the farm labor force. Of these, 105,000 were non-local or transient workers, 150,000 were hired temporary local workers, 103,000 were hired year-round workers, and 157,000 were farmers and unpaid family workers. The first fall peak was September 10, when a total of 513,000 were working on farms in the State. It is estimated there are 4000 Mexican nationals and about 50,000 out-of-State migrants now working.

$15,000,000 PHONE CENTER at 1587 Franklin street, Oakland, was opened with ceremonies this week, and with a demonstration of the speed with which long distance messages can be put through, a connection with New York being made in 12 seconds. San Francisco and 33 other Pacific Coast cities are directly linked with the Oakland center.

DICK GLADSTEIN, Bay Area attorney who has handled many cases for leftist unions, is one of the five lawyers for the 12 top Communists recently convicted in New York Federal Court who was given a jail sentence for contempt of court by Federal Judge Medina, who presided over the nine-month trial. Gladstein has asked the U. S. Supreme Court to consider his case.

DI GIORGIO FARM STRIKE of AFL National Farm Labor Union will be studied by a House Labor Subcommittee visiting the area in November, it was announced in Washington this week. The group is expected to include Representatives Ernest Bramblett and Thomas Werder, Republicans; and Clair Engle and Cecil White, Democrats.

TODD SHIPYARD CORP. in Alameda may get the $5,653,555 reconversion job on the liner Mariposa, authorization for which was made this week by the Maritime Commission. The ship is to be reconverted for service between the West Coast and Australia and New Zealand. The ship was used as a troop transport during the war. Oceanic Steamship Co. of San Francisco, a Matson subsidiary, owns the vessel. The Maritime Commission may leave the Mariposa at the Todd yards, where it now is, or move it elsewhere for the work.

High Prices, Shortage of Jobs in Vallejo Cited

Editor, Labor Journal:

High prices and unemployment here in Vallejo as in surrounding communities have curtailed spending considerably.

Many middle income families' hopes for new homes, lower priced smaller cars, and needed home appliances are now all but visionary.

Those with savings are holding tight lest there be another war.

Sincerely,
LUTHER J. RICHARDSON,
Vallejo, California.

Typos Meet Sunday

Typographical Local 36 will hold its regular monthly meeting at 10 a.m. Sunday, October 23, in Hall D, second floor, new Labor Temple, 2315 Valdez street, President Roy Heinrichs and Secretary John W. Austin announce.

Noble a BTC Delegate

P. Noble of the Steamfitters in San Francisco was inducted as a delegate to the Building Trades Council at that organization's meeting Tuesday night.

Pray For Pegler!

DETROIT (LPA) — Readers of the Wage Earner are urged to set aside October 31 as "Pray for Westbrook Pegler Day." In a page 1 story, captioned "Not Hated," and carrying a picture of Pegler, the Wage Earner says it views Pegler "not as an enemy to be hated . . . as a fellow man in need of p . . . The story asks all readers to observe this date thenceforw . . . the earnest hope that Mr. . . . will rejoin the forces work . . . social justice and economic d . . . racy." The Wage Earner is published by the Association of Catholic Trade Unionists.

Cotton Strike Laws

NEW YORK (LPA)—The cotton pickers' strike in Central California is over, but the anti-union ordinances rushed through during the conflict remain on the books. The Workers Defense League, charging that these employer-instigated ordinances are unconstitutional and a violation of civil rights, has called on the Department of Justice to investigate, with a view to possible federal prosecution.

Philosopher Lauded

NEW YORK (LPA)—When the famed liberal philosopher-educator John Dewey reaches his 90th birthday October 20, the event will be celebrated throughout the country with the leaders of organized labor paying tribute to Professor Dewey's contributions to American progress. Leaders of both the AFL and the CIO already have issued statements expressing their appreciation of Professor Dewey's achievements.

Deadly Smog

WASHINGTON (LPA) — A year ago more than 20 people died in one week in Donora, Pa., and nearly half the city's population was sick because of largely preventable industrial pollution of the air, 25 scientists who investigated Donora's "smog disaster" have concluded.

Wherry Blocks LPA

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Admission of Labor Press Association to the press galleries of the Senate and House was blocked again, when Senator Kenneth Wherry, GOP floor leader, in a surprise maneuver, objected to Rules Committee approval of a liberalized rule proposed by the Standing Committee of Correspondents.

EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

Owned, Controlled and Published Every Friday
By Central Labor and Building and Construction Trades Councils of Alameda County
2315 Valdez Street - Oakland 12

Determined a newspaper of general circulation (as defined by Section 4460 of Political Code) by decree of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda.

Entered as Second-class matter, November 3, 1923, at the Postoffice at Oakland, California, Under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Subscription Rates: One year $3.00 - Single copies 5 cents
Special Rates to Unions Subscribing in a Body.

T and D — 1115 Broadway, Oakland — Phone TW-3 5505
OPEN ALL NIGHT!
—Wednesday, October 19—
He's on the toughest spot of his career . . . with the Tokyo underworld
HUMPHREY BOGART
"TOKYO JOE"
Co-starring Alexander Knox, Florence Marly and Sessue Hayokawa
—Co-Feature—
"AN OLD FASHIONED GIRL"
Gloria Jean - Jimmy Lydon

ROXIE — 1730 Telegraph-Oakland — Phone TW-3 3311
—Tuesday, October 18—
Fighting or loving . . . They'll keep you laughing
LUCILLE BALL and WILLIAM HOLDEN
"MISS GRANT TAKES RICHMOND"
With Janice Carter, James Gleason, Gloria Henry and Frank McHugh

ESQUIRE — 1725 San Pablo-Oakland — Phone GL-1 4412
OPEN ALL NIGHT!
—Wednesday, October 19—
Thrilling Action
"TASK FORCE"
Gary Cooper - Jane Wyatt
Wayne Morris and Walter Brennan
—Second Feature—
"PRISON WARDEN"
With Warner Baxter

PAY CHECKS CASHED
TYE'S
NINTH AND BROADWAY
UNION HOUSE

Meet at the - - -
OMAR PIZZERIA
AND
COCKTAIL LOUNGE
Benny Butler at the Organ Nightly
2086 BROADWAY OAKLAND
Around the corner from Temple

Paul Burnett and Art Rossetti
NEW LUCKY'S
Featuring Charcoal Broiled Steaks and Italian Dishes
Fine Liquors
2230 TELEGRAPH AVENUE
OAKLAND
Telephone HIghgate 4-5708

ANGELO'S
Complete Dinner — $1.50
YOU CAN'T BEAT THIS BARGAIN IN THE EAST BAY
4307 San Pablo, Emeryville
OPEN EVERY DAY — PLENTY OF PARKING SPACE

"Chicken As You Like It"
ADAIR'S DINNERS
LUNCHEONS - DINNERS - BANQUETS (By Reservation)
FEATURING COMPLETE CHICKEN DINNERS, $1.50
East 14th Street at 2nd Avenue - - TE 6-2277

DID YOU KNOW?
THE TORCH CLUB IS THE NEAREST BAR TO THE AFL LABOR TEMPLE!
ORCHESTRA EVERY SATURDAY NIGHT
LOTS OF ROOM
BRING THE GANG AFTER THE MEETING!
GOOD DRINKS
FRIENDLY SERVICE
2229 BROADWAY



RACING DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAYS
Post Time 12:15 P.M. Saturdays
12:45 P.M. Other Days
Featuring Tomorrow
THE BAY MEADOWS HANDICAP
Mile and a Furlong
$50,000 ADDED
Admission: Grand Stand . $1.00 plus tax
Club House . $1.50 plus tax
For Luncheon Reservations
Phone FIreside 5-1661
Special train and bus service direct to track
FREE PARKING
BAY MEADOWS
America's Friendliest Race Track
SAN MATEO • on Bayshore and El Camino Highways

Congressman Allen Fears Both Sides, So Hides 3 Votes on Social Security

The letter to constituents of Congressman John J. Allen, Jr., Piedmont, Republican, dated October 10, is as follows:

We continue to move towards adjournment. We spent two days on consideration of important new legislation. Even that was not fully considered. Otherwise our actions were usually directed towards a number of quick actions bringing a variety of bits of legislation through the final legislative processes.

Three more appropriation bills were cleared for the President. All the appropriation bills have now gone to the President except the supplemental bill and the military establishment bill.

The main business of the House during the week was the consideration of the amendments to the Social Security Act. The Ways and Means Committee had made a number of important policy decisions. One decision was as to whether the Committee should recommend that care for the aged should be based on a pension system or on an insurance system, and it decided on the insurance system. The basis for employers' and employes' contributions is, therefore, that the sums contributed will ultimately pay for the benefits received with no charge on the public treasury. The present cost of insurance is between 4.45% and 6.15% of payroll. The present 2% is inadequate. The Committee decided on a schedule of rising taxes in order to make the system self-sustaining. A third decision was whether people should retire in comfort upon the proceeds of the federal insurance or whether the benefits were merely to be a basic subsistence level. It is contemplated that each person who wishes to retire comfortably will do something on his own initiative to supplement the benefits he will receive under the law. The payments under the public assistance program, were increased at an annual cost of approximately 256 million dollars from the federal treasury.

The bill passed by a vote of 333 to 14. As passed, it will provide for an average increase of 70% to present beneficiaries, will include a new category to cover total and permanently disabled persons, a wage credit to veterans for their military service and coverage to approximately 11 million people not now covered, consisting of some self-employed, employes of state and local governments, domestic servants, employes of non-profit institutions and some others.

The House passed a bill to furnish funds to local agencies for making plans for public works. The report stated that the federal government would provide the leadership and encouragement needed to assure the creation of an adequate reserve of state and local public works. My experience with local agencies, particularly around the East Bay, indicates to me that the school boards, cities, counties, etc., as well as the state, are very well able to do their own planning without the leadership and encouragement, plus the interference, of the federal government. It also passed a bill to provide for a greater percentage of federal contribution to the building of hospitals.

Guests were few. Clyde Drennan of Grant Miller's and Claire Goodwin and Reg Jones of the Oakland Port were the only ones.

There is much talk concerning the military unification bill and the B-36 controversy. Some corrections are probably needed in both the law and the administration. Congressional hearings furnish the opportunity for the expression of views. Then the voice of Congress, which represents the voice of the people in the government, will settle the controversy with legislation or opinion until further trial and error develops the need for further action.

Regards, JOHN J. ALLEN, JR.

EDITOR'S COMMENT

Let's be flat about one thing. Why should a Congressman write a letter to his constituents telling them what he is doing in Washington if he fails to tell them how he voted?

Read over carefully the letter to constituents sent by Congressman Allen. Try and figure out how he voted on the Social Security Act matters which came before Congress the week he's telling about. He doesn't say once how he voted. Why?

The record shows that Congressman Allen voted for the Social Security Act as it finally passed the House, when the vote was 333 to 14. Why didn't he tell his constituents? Was it because he was afraid that the reactionary crowd backing him here would be shocked to hear that he voted for anything bearing the hated "socialistic", "Welfare state" name of Social Security?

However, from the labor-liberal point of view the really key votes on this measure came before the final vote.

The League Reporter, published by the AFL Labor's League for Political Education, points out that the first key vote came when the House decided, 189-135, "to consider only the bill written by the House Ways and Means Committee. Conservatives opposed this procedure because they wanted to hack away at the measure by tackling crippling amendments on it during floor debate."

How did Congressman Allen vote on that? You'd never learn from him. But the record shows—you've already guessed it!—that he voted with the conservatives who "wanted to hack away at the measure by tackling crippling amendments on it during floor debate."

The next key vote was when the opponents of adequate social security coverage, as the LLPE paper reports it, "tried to substitute a weak bill for the Administration measure. This move was defeated, 232-113."

Which side was Congressman Allen on in this second key vote? Again you've guessed it. The record shows that he was on the losing side, because he voted "to substitute a weak bill for the Administration measure."

As the LLPE paper explains it, in proposing this weak bill, "conservatives said Congress should 'go slow' in improving the social security plan. But liberals pointed out that the plan has needed drastic improvements for 10 years."

What all this comes to is that Mr. Allen voted three times on a measure which he himself calls in his letter "the main business of the House during the week." Yet he doesn't tell his constituents how he voted any of these three times!

Our assumption is that he was afraid to tell liberals how he voted the first two times, and afraid to tell reactionaries how he voted the third time. So he just didn't tell nobody nothin'!

This gives our readers some idea of the man's political cowardice, because it is obvious that the third vote was one that any number of reactionary Congressmen cast the way he cast his, since there were only 14 men in the House who voted against it. Why, even the reactionary Jack Anderson of the 8th Congressional District on the Peninsula voted for the measure in that final vote! Yet apparently Allen didn't dare confess to his reactionary supporters that he had made this little gesture along with 332 other members of the House!

We here and now challenge Congressman Allen to write a letter to this paper and explain why he concealed his three votes on the Social Security Act from his constituents. We'll print his letter, if he writes it and sends it, but if he doesn't write us one we're going to take it for granted that he agrees with our interpretation of his reason for not telling how he voted.

Chest Volunteer Workers To Give Every Oakland Resident an Opportunity

Community Chest

Volunteer workers will make an all-out effort to give every resident of the Oakland area the opportunity to share in the achievement of the Community Chest's $1,050,000 quota.

In their effort to bring the story of the critical need for adequately supported health and welfare services to every family and individual, Red Feather volunteers will carry their crusade into every home and business establishment in the four communities associated in the campaign, Oakland, Emeryville, Piedmont and San Leandro.

"The encouraging progress of the Chest's 1949-50 campaign for funds to assure effective year-round operation of 36 local Red Feather agencies and the USO indicates residents of the Oakland area are truly interested in the welfare of their community," Peter Howard, chairman of the welfare appeal declared. "However, there can be no relaxation on the part of the volunteer nor any let-down in giving until every dollar of the $1,050,000 quota has been subscribed. We cannot accept any lower figure without endangering our community life."

Howard, who described the success of the Chest campaign as critically important to both the Oakland area's residents who need a helping hand and to the Community Chest or united method of campaigning, urged local residents to let their hearts be their guide when the volunteer worker calls.

In the event that someone is inadvertently missed by the volunteer, Howard reminded contributors their subscriptions can be mailed or brought to Community Chest headquarters, 517 - 14th Street.

Island Workers Score

SAN JUAN, P. R. (LPA)—Striking union workers returned to their jobs at the Industrial Development Co's cement plant when they won a minimum wage guarantee of 75 cents, the second highest in Puerto Rico. Highest minimum is the $1.05 received by longshoremen.

The Mayor Now Can Yakety-yak Automatically

Oakland Observer

Cliff Rishell (the Mayor, to you) reached the ripe old age of 59 and those "who knew him when" gathered in his office to wish him well. The piece de resistance among the gifts—large or small or liquid—was the set of false teeth that could be wound up with a key to go yakety-yakety just like a first-class politician.

Auto Machinists Lose 3-2 Heartbreaker to Artcraft Leather Team

Automotive Machinists Local 1546 baseball team dropped a heartbreaker last Sunday to Artcraft Leather by a score of 3 to 2. It was anybodys ball game throughout and the deciding run was not scored until the ninth inning.

Both clubs played scoreless ball until the last of the fifth inning and in this frame the Machinists picked up both of their tallies. With Don King on second base by virtue of a line drive single and a sacrifice Charlie, the newly acquired shortstop, unleashed a booming home run into right centerfield putting the 1546 team in front 2 to 0. Here the score remained until the last half of the seventh when the Artcraft boys capitalized on two bases on balls and an error by the Machinist infield and pushed across one run.

Don King, the promising young left hander of the Machinists retired after his dandy seven inning stint in which he allowed three hits and no earned runs and the victors fell upon his successors with a vengeance in the eighth and ninth innings to score the runs that provided the margin of victory.

"Lenny" Embrich, pitched a swell ball game for the winners and was particularly effective in the clutch, coming up with strikeouts with Machinists on base. Johnny Ford was the leading hitter for both clubs with 2 for 5 and drove in the winning run in the ninth. Bob Perry, center fielder for Artcraft made two sensational catches, robbing 1546 batsmen of what appeared to be cinch base hits.

Next Sunday, October 23, Local 1546 will play again at the Elmhurst diamond at 11:00 a.m. and once again we would like to ask any member of 1546 interested in playing to come out for a tryout. Through our frequent appeals in The Labor Journal we have acquired three more members who are now playing regularly with the club and though we only have six members on the team at the present time, our ultimate goal is to have a club composed of members only; so come on out for some good clean sport and competitive play.

'Blighten Your Morning With the Chronicle!' Is Proposed as Slogan

California edition of the CIO News says in its current issue:

"Brighten Your Morning With the Chronicle" is the heavily-advertised circulation promotion slogan of one of the San Francisco dailies.

CIO Steelworkers around the Bay Area think it's time some changes were made in that slogan, particularly after a recent editorial.

It began in the usual style—"a paralyzing strike in the basic steel industry that was needlessly and irresponsibly called." Then the editorial writer warmed up, declared:

"Fair and reasonable as was the report of the steel Fact-Finding Board, Murray and the Steelworkers attempted to go beyond the spirit and letter of the board's pension and insurance proposals, and by stiff-necked opportunism in that position have directly precipitated the tieup."

In fact, the CIO steelworkers demand exactly the board's recommendations: non-contributory pensions and insurance. It's steel management which is "stiff-necked."

So Steelworkers suggest a new slogan for the Chronicle:

"Blighten Your Morning With the Chronicle."

FOUR NEW JOBS for Inspectors in the Oakland Police Department have been created by the City Council. City Manager Hassler said the new inspectors are needed because of the increasing case load.

St. Sure 'Not Ready' to Face Election; Ash Makes Report

(Continued from Page 1)

the black plague, and that I had walked into a big hall with a sign on me, 'I have the plague.'

"A lot of those people were afraid to have anything to do with anyone connected with opposition to Dave Beck. I sat down between two of these Californians, and they lowered their heads down so that they could scarcely be seen, all the time I sat between them."

TOP UNIONISTS BLUFFED

Ash said that this fear of Beck obviously extended far up the ladder of some of the AFL international unions. He and James Suffridge, the Oakland man who is now international secretary-treasurer of the Clerks Union, conferred with high union officials who would say:

"Beck is doing the same thing to us. He is taking away thousands of members from AFL unions by raids of this sort. But don't bring the matter up on the floor of the convention, because we'd feel it necessary to line up with Beck."

However, Ash mentioned high officers of four international unions who showed courage, and said they'd help the Clerks fight it out on the floor.

"Please don't misunderstand me," stressed Ash, "I don't mean that these are the only international unions whose officials show courage in the face of the Beck attacks on unions. I mean merely that these are the only ones I personally know of. There are undoubtedly other unions whose high officials are willing to take on Beck."

ASH SEES GREEN

Tuesday, October 11, Ash reported, he went with Suffridge, Clerks Western Representative Ben Crossler, and Clerks General President Vernon Housewright to see President Green.

The session lasted for two hours.

It was explained to Green that far from this being a jurisdictional dispute, the Teamsters had helped to organize the Food Clerks years ago, and at that time and at no time since, until the Clerks Union went on strike this year, had the Teamsters claimed any jurisdiction such as they suddenly asserted after the strike of the Clerks began.

The strike sanction procedure of the Central Labor Council was explained thoroughly.

Green then said that a Central Labor Council has no right to sanction a strike.

GREEN SAYS 'YES'

Something Green said at this time caused Ash to ask Green:

"If an international union sanctions a strike by one of its locals, is it the duty of the Central Labor Council in the area to support the strike of that local?"

"Yes," replied Green.

"Then the Central Labor Council of Alameda county is within its rights in supporting the strike of Food Clerks Local 870, since that strike was sanctioned by the AFL Retail Clerks International Association?"

"Yes," said Green.

Ash said that this naturally made him feel pretty good, but that when he got back to Oakland one of the first things he got was a telegram from Green, and he realized that the Beck forces had been trying to bring pressure on top officers of the AFL.

GREEN'S TELEGRAM

Green's wire was as follows:

October 12, 1949.

Robert S. Ash, Secretary,
Central Labor Council,
Labor Temple, Oakland, California.

Official representatives of Teamsters International Union again protest interference of Alameda County Central Labor Union in jurisdictional dispute which exists between Teamsters Union and Retail Clerks Union. Because of this fact, I repeat what I previously stated in a telegram sent you that under no circumstances must a central body take sides in jurisdictional disputes which arise between unions chartered by international organizations affiliated with American Federation of Labor. These jurisdictional disputes must be dealt with and settled by representatives of organizations involved. In view of this information and because of fixed rule and policy of American Federation of Labor I repeat and demand that your central body refrain immediately from interfering with or taking sides in any jurisdictional dispute which may have arisen between the Teamsters and Retail Clerks International Unions. In order to avoid drastic action please advise me of your compliance with these instructions as quickly as possible at my office in Washington.

WM. GREEN, President,
American Federation of Labor.

ASH'S TELEGRAM

Ash's wire to Green was as follows:

October 13, 1949.

Wm. Green, President,
American Federation of Labor,
A. F. of L. Building,
Washington, D. C.

As explained to you previously, and in personal conference with you, with Retail Clerks International Secretary Suffridge present, the protest of official representatives of Teamsters International is not based on facts. We fail to understand the reason for your telegram particularly after my conversation with you in St. Paul October 11, 1949, when myself and Suffridge outlined the particulars of the strike of the Clerks International. We explained to you that this is an economic strike by the local Clerks Union who have received strike sanction from their international. You informed me that it was the legal obligation of a central council to support a union on strike when it had the sanction of its international union and that we were within our legal right in supporting the Clerks in this strike with their employers. I wish to reiterate this is not a jurisdictional strike. The Clerks are striking for wages and conditions. We advise you we are in compliance with your instructions in your telegram of October 12. We have not, are not, and will not interfere or take sides in a jurisdictional dispute.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL
OF ALAMEDA COUNTY,
ROBERT S. ASH, Secretary.

HAGSTROM SUES TEAMOS

The Teamsters had picketed the Hagstrom stores after those stores signed the agreement with the AFL Food Clerks. The picketing followed the sudden presentation of demands by Teamsters Local 70 representatives on Wednesday of last week.

Suit against the Teamsters was filed Monday of this week by Harold Huovinen, attorney for Hagstrom's. Damages of $500,000 were demanded, and a preliminary injunction, returnable October 27, was secured from the Superior Court, ordering the Teamsters to stop picketing.

Shortly after the suit was filed, Teamsters Local 70 began delivering supplies to the Hagstrom stores again.

Hagstrom's contended that the action of the Teamsters in presenting sudden demands and then picketing was in violation of a contract still in effect and not expiring until May 4, 1950, calling for pay of $14.70 a day, 8 paid holidays, and two weeks paid vacation.

During the brief period the Teamsters were picketing the public largely ignored the pickets, and Hagstrom's did a big business. So much publicity had been given to Beck's effort to break the Clerks Union that the customers seemed to realize that it was not a regular picket line.

At the Central Labor Council meeting Monday night one delegate said he asked a teamster what he was picketing for, and the man replied:

"For $15 a day."

BOYCOTT IN ABEYANCE

The wire which was sent by Ash to unions affiliated with the Central Labor Council on the boycott of the

(Continued on Page 5)

Furniture, Paint, Warehouse Locals Get Pay Increases

United Employers, Inc.

Three contract settlements with AFL locals, affecting approximately 1,600 employes, were announced this week by E. A. Woodside, manager, United Employers, Inc. They include:

WAREHOUSE LOCAL 853

By an amendment to the present contract between AFL Warehouse Employers' Association and Local 853, 700 employes were granted a 10-cents per hour across-the-board increase, effective June 1, 1949. No other changes were made in the master agreement.

PAINT MAKERS 1101

More than 500 paint manufacturing employes, members of Local 1101, were boosted 10 cents an hour, effective October 1. The agreement, which runs until September 30, 1951, may be re-opened for wages only in 1950. Alameda county companies covered by the contract are: Walter N. Boysen Co.; C. E. Butler Co.; Caldow Paint Co.; Frank W. Dunne Co.; Morwear Paint Co.; Inter-Coastal Paint Co.; Industrial Minerals & Chemical Co.; Irwin Paint Co.; National Lead Co.; Pacific Paint & Varnish Co.; Wesco Waterpaints, Inc.; Paraffine Companies, Inc., and Metals Disintegrating Company.

FURNITURE WORKERS 3141

Six furniture manufacturing firms granted a 7-cents per hour increase to approximately 350 employes, members of Furniture Workers Union, Local 3141, under terms of a one-year contract effective October 10. Firms covered are: C. F. Cooper Woodworking Company, Berkeley; Gall Furniture Co., Johnson Manufacturing Co., Leisure Furniture Manufacturing Co., and J. J. West Manufacturing Co, all of Oakland. The Ferguson Furniture Manufacturing Company, Inc., San Francisco, also signed the contract.

Varley McBeth Manager Of Magazine at UC

UC Associated Students

Varley McBeth, English major at the University of California at Berkeley, has recently been named manager of the Occident. The Occident is the campus literary magazine, which is published once a semester. It accepts the best literary works submitted by students.

McBeth is a member of Publications Council and the Writers Council. He is also an active contributor to the Daily Californian.

McBeth is the son of the W. V. McBeths of 1520 Wellington St., Oakland. He graduated from Oakland High School.

Varley McBeth wrote a study of East Bay Labor Journal during a recent semester of the Universtly.

When doing your shopping, patronize our advertisers!

Assemblyman Dunn Praised as Man of Statewide Importance in Editorial

The Castro Valley Reporter, of which Rex Tussing is the editor and publisher, published an editorial entitled "Proposition No. 1 and Mr. Dunn" in its October issue as follows:

Proposition No. 1 has widespread support in this area, because the need for it is obvious here.

Social and improvement clubs, P-TA's, builders, parents, etc., etc., have endorsed it locally. They realize at first hand that the children are here to be taught—that they have come so rapidly by birth or immigration from other communities that ordinary financing is impossible, and that loans from the state are necessary to balance out the problem.

There are other parts of the state which do not have such an acute problem. In Oakland, for instance, population is actually going down in some schools, and rising only slightly in others. Castro Valley, San Lorenzo, and Hayward are among the most acute cases in the entire state.

Local trustees have done a remarkable job. Faced with the highest percentage growth in the county, they have managed to get along better than their two neighboring districts, each of which received an outright grant of a complete new school from county funds. But they cannot perform miracles.

There will have to be a "Yes" vote on Proposition No. 1 if acceptable schooling is to continue for our youngsters. And it will need to be a very heavy vote locally, to outweigh the probable "No" votes from areas of the state which are not experiencing so acute a situation.

DUNN NOW STATE FIGURE

We don't mean to imply that the rest of California doesn't have a school problem. It has a serious one, which means that each district wants to help itself first—and may not be too excited about helping other cases which are only comparatively worse.

The campaign to provide for the schools is a continuing one. One of the by-products has been to build our own state assemblyman, Francis Dunn, into a statewide figure.

Dunn is a Democrat, but to avoid implication that we are getting too partisan, we will point out that both Republicans and Democrats gave him a majority in their own primaries in every precinct last time. That overwhelming support was due to his record—chiefly as author of nearly every practical measure for school support which appeared in the assembly.

Nor is Dunn one of those politicians who introduces a bill, and then lets it die in committee. He fought and pleaded his measures through the assembly, and then up to the governor's office, where too often the measures have been trimmed by item vetoes. Because of the carving done on the measures of the past two sessions, the deficit of school needs has piled higher every day.

DUNN WIDELY DISCUSSED

Thus Proposition No. 1, calling for more dollars than every before, has become necessary. It goes to vote of the people November 8, the most important measure on the ballot, and the chief reason for calling a special election.

True to his character, Dunn is not content now to report back to his district that he has done his best for them. He is out campaigning the entire state, describing the difficulties of under-financing and under-schooling, predicting the needs ahead, and urging state loans to school districts as the only feasible way out . . . The only method to retain local control of schools and yet to give all youngsters an equal chance at education.

As a result, Dunn is not only being talked about for reelection as assemblyman in 1949. He is also discussed for county supervisor, for the state board of equalization, and lately there have been murmurings that he's big enough caliber for jobs of higher state rank.

Dunn isn't commenting, except to say: "I've got a job to do first, and it can't be finished until November 8."

BACKED BY LABOR

Politically, he's in good position. Teachers and school trustees over the entire state know him, like him, and like his measures. In Sacramento, testing-ground, the Republican Sacramento Union picked him out as one of the ten outstanding assemblymen in his first term, and he has been twice reelected. His unanimous reelection by both parties last time indicates his popular support at home. He rose from union ranks to the assembly, and organized labor strongly supports him. He is a loyal party worker—but not at the price of his self-respect. He insists on open arguments over policy, and open decisions, rather than unity at the price of indecision.

Dunn may be content to come back to his assembly job. It's an important one. But he's also now a state figure, prominently mentioned for high state positions. If Proposition No. 1 carries or if it fails, there's at least a 50-50 chance that we're going to have to look around for a new assemblyman.

Because Francis Dunn may be occupying a "bigger" job.

TEAMSTERS' WESTERN CONFERENCE, drawing delegates from 11 States, is scheduled to meet in San Jose October 24-28, with General Executive Vice-President Dave Beck presiding. Frank Brewster of Seattle is the conference secretary.

666
LIQUID OR TABLETS
IS YOUR ANSWER TO
COLDS' MISERIES
Here's why! 666 is time-tested. It's different. Try 666 yourself.

CROCKER FIRST NATIONAL BANK

How to Make a Little Grow Into a Lot

Now is the time to realize the importance of saving something from every dollar you earn. Systematic, regular saving over the years makes a little grow into a lot.

There is nothing complicated about opening a savings account at this bank. You can open an account for any amount that suits your budget . . . then if you prefer you can make your deposits by mail. Our Mailway Banking service is safe, simple and convenient.

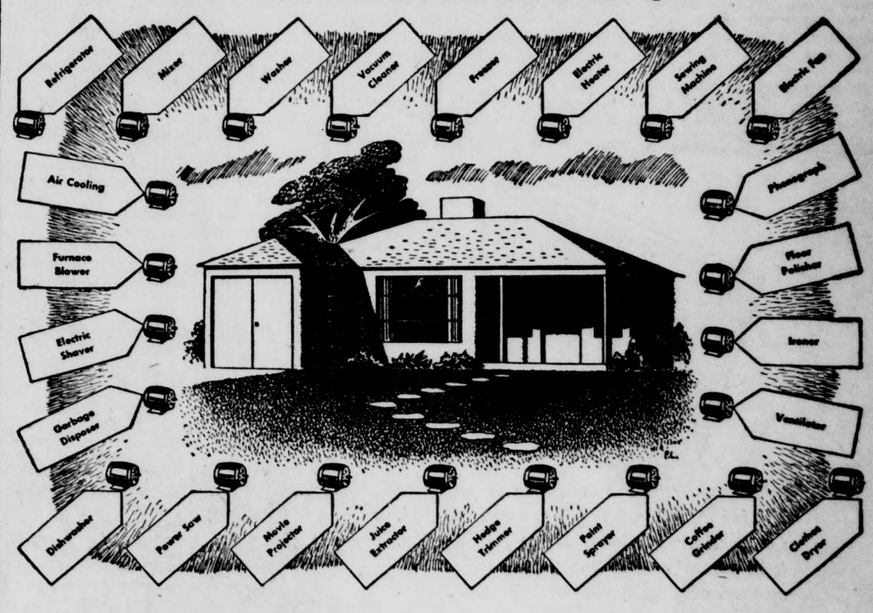
CROCKER FIRST NATIONAL BANK
FRANKLIN AT THIRTEENTH STREET
OAKLAND
Commercial • Savings • Trust • Safe Deposit Boxes
Member F. D. I. C.

KAHN'S HAS UNION-MADE
CAN'T BUST 'EM
BLUE BIB
OVERALLS
5 pockets
hammer loop
rule pocket
bar tacked
sanforized
guaranteed



2.98
Heavy blue denims take day in day out rugged wear! Too, they're union-labeled! In sizes 34-42.
Basement Mens Wear
Kahn's BASEMENT STORE
Broadway, San Pablo, 16th

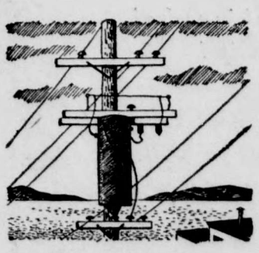
How many small motors are working for you?
Have you counted them lately?



Electric motors do more work in your home than you may realize. Motor-driven devices are the "chore boys" in California homes and gardens. Their usage is high because electric rates here are low... much lower than the national average. For instance, electricity runs a refrigerator or freezer for less than five cents a 24-hour day. Your kitchen is fanned free of cooking fumes—electrically—for about three cents a week, and a motor in an electric dishwasher "does the dishes" for just a fraction of a penny a day for electricity.



Electricity works early and late in your home for just a few cents a day. A penny's worth of electricity runs an electric clock at your breakfast table accurately for five days or toasts twenty slices of bread or brews nineteen cups of coffee.



Electrical servants do so much yet cost so little, despite our greatly increased costs of producing and delivering electricity to your home. The price of power poles alone is up more than 100 per cent; transformer costs are up 30 per cent.

For the record



Your household electricity is a manufactured product. It is raw, bulk power when it leaves a generating plant at 220,000 volts. It is then transformed as often as FIVE times before it becomes the "household size" electricity so indispensable in your home.



P.G. and E. Service—does so much...costs so little
P·G·and·E·
PACIFIC GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANY
86XW-1049

Son of Bay Unionist, Ruskin Scholar, Sees Bombed Cities of Great Britain

The following is part of an interesting letter sent to George F. Allen of the Watchmakers by his son, George C. Allen, who recently arrived in England on a Ruskin College scholarship. The portion printed below begins with the arrival of Allen and other Ruskin scholars in England from America:

These are some of my first impressions: Very small rolling stock and extremely old engines on the R. R. Heavy bomb damage that is still evident in Southampton along with concrete pill boxes for the invasion that never came off. Small brick, stone houses that look for all the world to be at least 3 centuries old, and by God they are; some with thatched, wheat reed roofs, some with slate brick, other tile, and some still bombed out.

All the houses have at least 3 chimneys and most have more; there is practically no central heating in England and fireplaces are a necessity.

Bicycles by the score; we arrived as the workers started to go home and there was as much of a traffic jam with bicycles as there is with cars in the U. S.

As we passed on to the outskirts of Southampton, the bomb damage became more noticeable. Entire blocks were demolished or burned out. We left Southampton behind and the countryside changed from age old houses to rolling, green hills and plowed fields.

There is no wasted farmland in this part of England; all is laid out with the idea of maximum productivity with the minimum of waste soil. The journey was much like this until we reached the outskirts of London.

Then huge low-cost rental units, attractively designed and well cared for gardens began to appear. This then was my introduction to the new Labour Governments Town and Country Act, that is actually moving entire cities to new sites.

ARISTOCRATIC HAUNT

We arrived in London and were met by Sir Robert Mayer (a retired industrialist) and his son, Phillip. We departed to our hotel and on the way were shown some of London by Sir Robert. We spent the night at the National Union of Student's Hotel, after Sir Robert had bought us our first meal in England.

Sir Robert gave a lunch in our honor at the English Speaking Union Club. (One of the last strongholds of old aristocratic England.) The lunch was rather good and the speeches were stuffy. Members of the U.P.-A.P. wire service, TELEGRAM, EVENING BULLETIN and THE LONDON TIMES, were present and we, the four scholars, were interviewed. After lunch we went to the American Embassy and met Mr. Joseph Charles, Cultural Attache. We then left London to start the "Tour" arranged for us by the British Council.

We arrived at Stratford-On-Avon (about 90 miles out of London) that night. Visited the Mayor and Council of Stratford and got an idea of English local government problems; then to Shakespeare's house, church, pub and memorial library where all Shakespearian scholars from all over the world come each summer to see Shakespeare performed and to discuss, with great intensity, the relative merits of the mind that created these masterful phrases.

We attended two Shakespearian plays while here; one was "Cymbeline", the other "King Henry The Eighth".

They were the finest plays, acting, scenery and lighting arrangements I have ever witnessed. We visited Coventry, Birmingham, Oxford, and numerous small villages on the route.

TERRIBLE DESTRUCTION

Coventry, the place of the infamous German bombing must have been almost completely destroyed, as that was the most modern city we saw. There were vast blocks that were completely missing and Pre-Fab houses and store fronts covered what was once ancient and quaint English brick architecture that stood for centuries until the Nazi Bombers leveled them.

Birmingham is an industrial city. As it started to rain when we arrived, we did not see very much. We visited the headquarters of the Trade Union Congress and spoke to quite a few people. But as yet, I haven't been here long enough to get a grasp of the English grass-root problems. This is the stage when all the text book learning goes out the window and the practical application comes in.

We left Stratford-On-Avon and came to Oxford to get settled for College. Our rooms at Ruskin were not ready so we stayed at the British Council as their guests. The food here is not as good as it was in Stratford. Not as much either. This 4:30 "tea" deal is really the best habit I have discovered since coming here.

TERRIBLE COFFEE!

English Tea is great; just like ours, Dad. But their coffee is absolutely beyond my literary efforts to describe. The way you tell coffee here is if your spoon disintegrates—then it's coffee. If it turns only green, you're drinking Nitric acid. I got in touch with Miss Collins, the friend of Nan's and she was very glad to see me. In fact, the only people that have not been too glad to see us are the Tories.

You see, we are an entirely new group of Americans here. Most Americans here previously have been Ivory towered students of literature, culture, or sciences. We are a novelty; actually working people who are not multi-millionaires and who have about the same problems facing us as do the English workers.

Although the other three guys, Tom Taylor, Roy Ziemann and Roger Dougherty are not truly full believers in the English Labour Party as I am, they have some trade union background and even that is simply amazing the people to whom we talk. "Here are four Americans who do not tell us that our way of life is backward and medieval and who actually attempt to understand English social conditions."

Tomorrow is the day that Ruskin begins. We are to move into our quarters there this afternoon. And that's about it up to now.

The 4:30 tea is boiling and I find myself very empty around the stomach. I will write more later.

No Rent Rise for N. Y.

NEW YORK (LPA)—By a vote of 13 to 3 the New York City Rent Advisory Board turned down a request for a general 15 per cent rent boost in this area. The request was submitted by the Federal Landlords' Committee whose chairman expressed "shock and surprise" when told of the decision.

Suit Hits Segregation

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The Justice Department has filed a brief with the Supreme Court attacking the legal and social basis of segregation as exemplified in the "separate but equal" facilities for Negroes in schools, restaurants, theaters and other public places.

Work Starts Soon On Addition Made To Central Valley

U. S. Govt. Release

Reconstruction work on the newly authorized features of the American River development will start immediately, it was announced by the Bureau of Reclamation, following President Truman's signature on the Engle Bill enlarging Folsom Dam and incorporating it into the Central Valley Project.

Authorization of the American River division of CVP is the first addition to the Central Valley Project since the initial works were authorized fourteen years ago.

"The new legislation in effect marks the beginning of the second stage of the Central Valley Project, looking toward the ultimate development of a basin-wide project to make the fullest use of all the remaining undeveloped water in all of the Central Valley streams," said R. S. Calland, Acting Regional Director of the Bureau of Reclamation.

ENLARGES FOLSOM

Besides enlarging Folsom Dam from a 355,000 acre-foot flood control reservoir to a 1,000,000 acre-foot multiple-purpose reservoir, the legislation authorizes additional water and power features estimated to cost more than $60,000,000. Eight counties are named in the Act as possible beneficiaries: Sacramento, Placer, El Dorado, San Joaquin, Contra Costa, Alameda, Santa Clara and San Benito.

Although no specific appropriation yet has been made by the Congress for the new features besides Folsom Dam, Mr. Calland said, work can start immediately because of the fact these features have been officially made a part of the Central Valley Project for which general funds already are available.

IMPORTANT

"The importance of this new addition to CVP cannot be exaggerated," said Calland. "The President and the Congress, supported by the State, the Army Corps of Engineers, the Bureau, and the communities affected, are taking timely steps to meet the water and power needs of these counties. The needs are critical and call for early action.

"The Bureau will waste no time in doing its share toward completion of the undertaking at the earliest possible moment. Here is a great cooperative project that will bring incalculable benefits to Central California. Operated as a multiple-purpose unit of the CVP, it will yield its maximum in water and power, resources that are the essentials to a secure and stable economy in California."

But the Governor Just Said Nothing

The California edition of the CIO News Reports the following:

"But the Governor didn't say anything!"

So protested an East Bay CIOer when he heard a non-committal reply from one of Governor Earl Warren's secretaries.

Some weeks ago the Alameda County Committee for National CIO had protested to Governor Warren against the state's growing level of unemployment—now at the 500,000 mark—and had urged that the standby public works law enacted in 1945 now be put into effect.

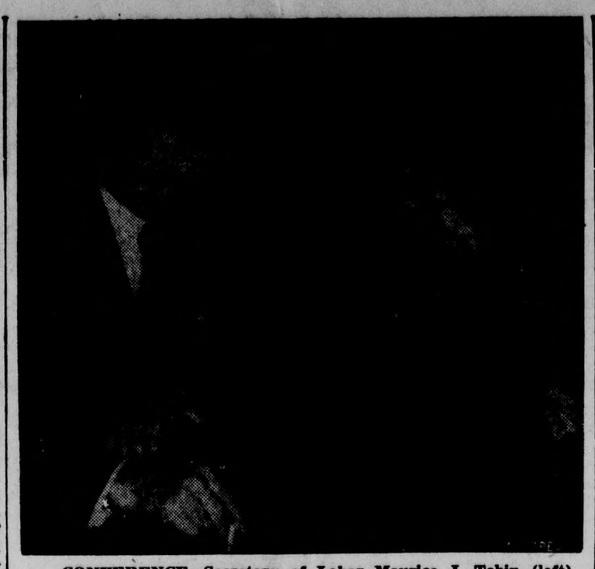
The pro-CIO group got a reply from M. F. Small, one of the governor's secretaries, which said in effect: "Your views are appreciated and will be considered." (It was on the same model as the letters the Governor's political pal, Senator William Knowland, sent union members who asked Taft-Hartley repeal.)

"But the Governor didn't say anything," the CIOer protested.

Then Pres. Robert Hannah of United Auto Workers Local 76 commented:

"That's the usual answer that particular governor gives."

PATRONIZE our ADVERTISERS



CONFERENCE—Secretary of Labor Maurice J. Tobin (left) talks things over with President Dan W. Tracy of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers at the recent AFL convention. Tracy served during the war as assistant secretary of labor and did an outstanding job.—(LPA)

Negotiations Break Off Between AFL Insurance Agents Union, Prudential

State Federation News Service

In an official statement this week, President George L. Russ, of the National Federation of Insurance Agents' Council (AFL), revealed that negotiations have been temporarily suspended between his organization and the Prudential Life Insurance Company of America.

After a period of one year without any labor organizations to represent them, Prudential Insurance agents voted in an NLRB election and chose the NFIAC-AFL as their bargaining agent in 31 states, replacing the left-wing United Office and Professional Workers of America (CIO), who had represented Prudential agents since 1942.

The NFIAC-AFL was certified bargaining agent by the National Labor Relations Board on August 5, 1949. The union already held bargaining rights for four other states and the District of Columbia. The union's national negotiating committee, representing over 16,000 agents in the enlarged bargaining unit of 35 states plus the District of Columbia, originally met with company officials in New York City on September 8. After more than a week of conferences, negotiations were recessed until October 6, when they were resumed in New York City.

After long and protracted conferences, lasting until October 12, an impasse was reached and negotiations were broken off.

Steel Industry, Union Digging in for Long Strike; Pickets Are Using Boats

PITTSBURGH (LPA) — At the end of the second week of the Steel strike no immediate settlement was in sight. Cyrus S. Ching, Federal Mediation Director, was sounding out Bethlehem Steel in New York City on Thursday but headquarters of the United Steelworkers-CIO was learning of these negotiations only through the newspapers.

The Steel workers, of the Pittsburgh area assembled Thursday in Homestead to listen to Philip Murray's second speech of the series which he is making throughout the steel district. He told his audience the steel industry is living in the hope of starving the union "into a state of economic submission, to drive them back into the mills and put them into a state of despair." He charged that the industry has practiced the rankest kind of intimidation against the Presidential fact-finding board, and named Enders Voorhees, U. S. Steel Corp. finance chairman, and John Homer, president of Bethlehem Steel Corp., as having threatened the board. Murray also said that the industry asked Wall Street and the National Association of Manufacturers to the hearings to help win their case.

That the industry was preparing for a long struggle is borne out by the fact that in the early days of negotiations, deep freezes containing carloads of food were put in Homestead, Braddock mills and also in mills in Donora and Aliquippa. This seems to be a general pattern.

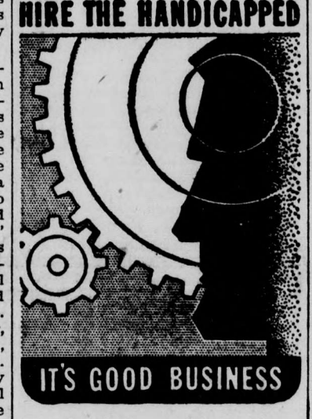
No one, who has been through the steel area or who has seen the vast enthusiastic crowds congregating to hear him can doubt that the steel workers are solidly behind Murray.

The steel area is quiet around Pittsburgh. If it were not for the clear blue skies and the absence of smoke, a stranger would not guess there was a strike. The token pickets are from four to twenty, are quiet and relaxed.

In South Chicago things are a little livelier. There is mass picketing before Inland Steel Corp. where white collar workers are barred. In Detroit, Great Lakes Steel was being picketed by land and sea, a fleet of small boats such as cabin cruisers, patrolled the Detroit River to keep office workers out and prevent supplies from going in.

Meantime the day of the last pay check is swiftly coming. Union officials will not draw a cent of pay during the strike, Murray announced.

The contracts of the 500,000 workers employed in steel fabrication will expire between the 15th and 31st of October unless the union extends the contracts. A ray of hope is seen in the fact that the union has extended the contract of the five Blaw Knox Company plants until May 21, 1950. Their 5,000 workers would have quit Sunday had their contract been extended. Other discussions for extension are on the way.



East Bay Labor Journal Is Mealy-Mouthed, Says Mr. Maddock's Paper

The Alameda County Illustrated Press in its October 13 issue has an article declaring that organized labor should more vigorously take up the cudgels against the Key System. In the course of the article the Illustrated Press, edited by Lloyd Speed Maddock, states:

Weakest link in Labor's relations to the general public is the publication end of the labor movement.

Acting as a medium of expression for the local American Federation of Labor is the East Bay Labor Journal, an impotent, mealy-mouthed, men's room supplier, existing only because most of its subscribers are sandbagged into taking the thing, but seldom if ever read it.

It appears to be professionally edited, but 'tis said that actual control and operation rests with the business office and that is where the job of lousing it up takes place.

They tell us an amateur runs the business office and the rag certainly shows it!

Obviously, this medium would be of no help in fighting Key System.

AFL Aids Victim

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (LPA)—The AFL building trades here have pitched in to build a news and refreshment stand for Loren Heatley, an arthritis victim. The stand is across from the Kern County General Hospital. Participating unions include the Carpenters, Hod Carriers, Plumbers, Plasterers, Painters and Electrical Workers.

THOSE DIVORCES

San Diego Labor Leader

Note to news editors: Next time any member of the Roosevelt family gets a divorce put it on page 23, section c. It's no longer news.

Hospital, Medical Service Gained by Apartment Union

Apartment and Hotel Local 14

More than 700 apartment house service workers in San Francisco will soon be covered by a comprehensive medical and hospital service plan, it was announced today by Russell R. Dreyer, president of Apartment and Hotel Employees Union Local 14, AFL. The plan, according to Dreyer, will be paid for wholly by employer contributions, and will provide the most complete health service that is available on a prepaid basis.

The health plan was arrived at as a result of contract negotiations between the union and the Apartment Employers Council of San Francisco. Workers covered include janitors, handymen, elevator operators, maids, and other service workers in San Francisco's apartment houses.

Under the provisions of the new agreement, which will go into effect on December 1, employes will receive all medical attention at their home or at the doctors' offices at no cost to them. This service includes all drugs and any other care that may be required. In addition, hospital care is provided up to sixty days, with liberal allowances for surgical treatments. The plan is financed by employer contribution of $3.00 per month for each employe, and a contract has been made with a group of doctors for the covered services.

In addition to the unique health plan, Dreyer announced that the new agreement incorporates improvements in the seniority provisions, together with revised clauses dealing with rest periods, meal periods, leaves of absence and vacations. The basic contract will run for a period of five years, with annual reopenings provided on wage rates.

Judge Enjoins Election Of Humanity Fellowship

Superior Judge Ralph E. Hoyt has issued an injunction again delaying the much discussed and fought-over election of officers and adopting of new bylaws for the Fellowship of Humanity, which owns the building at 411 28th street.

The group which claims that leftists have been "colonizing" the organization in an effort to take it over went into court last week with contentions that the alleged leftists were ignoring 114 names of persons qualified to vote in an election.

C. F. Dittmar, E. L. Ormsby and others brought the action. The court's order, aimed at the directors of the organization, says that "we do strictly command that you and each of you during the pendency of this action or until the further order of the court . . . absolutely desist and refrain from proceeding with the election of officers or the adoption of new bylaws."

The group which got the injunction claims that if the leftists get control of the organization they will devote its building and other property to the purposes of the California Labor School, which has been repeatedly denounced by the State Federation of Labor as a leftist front. In support of this they cite the fact that since the alleged leftists showed up, many persons connected with the California Labor School have been scheduled as speakers at meetings of the fellowship.

Big Oil Men Are Told That They Do Not Rank Highly With Public

ATLANTIC CITY (LPA) — Delegates to the annual convention of National Petroleum Association were told by one of their best friends, that they are extremely unpopular.

Conger Reynolds, public relations man for Standard Oil of Indiana, warned the oil experts that public opinion about the industry is so bad that he would be very encouraged if the present survey they are taking shows that they are merely "holding the line against general unpopularity." This, he said, is despite the industry's expensive and extensive public relations program.

A clear reason for this general ill-will was offered by Reynolds himself. "In the last three years," he said, "the price of petroleum products and the profits of companies advanced sharply."

Then he made a spectacular observation: "The percentage of persons in our society who like to see prices and profits advance is small."

There are certain points on which the public is especially critical, he told the oil men:

"We must beware of the belief of one out of three persons that our industry is monopolistic, greedy for profits, and is otherwise lacking in a sense of social responsibility."

"We must also take heed of the belief by three out of five persons that our prices are fixed collusively."

While Reynolds was baring his heart in Atlantic City, several oil companies on the east coast including Esso, Sylvestre and Atlantic Refining, announced they were raising the price of No. 2 oil, fuel, kerosene, and diesel oil to exactly those posted last week by Socony-Vacuum Oil Co.

"It will be surprising if we find much improvement in the attitude toward our industry," Reynolds told the oil men.

Ballot Recommendations for the November 8, 1949, Special Election, Adopted by the 1949 Convention of the California State Federation of Labor

STATE PROPOSITIONS

No. 1—The state public school system is in grave need of financial aid to meet the necessary expansion brought about by California's soaring population. A YES vote is recommended on Proposition No. 1.

No. 2—The repeal of Article XXV of the State Constitution (aged and blind aid) will work great harm on the elder citizens and needy blind of California. A NO vote is recommended on Proposition No. 2, the repeal measure.

No. 3—The need to have qualified citizens in the state legislature demands that proper salary recognition be given such positions. A YES vote is recommended on Proposition No. 3.

No. 4 to No. 11, inclusive—These proposed amendments to the State Constitution do not affect the welfare of organized labor, and no position is recommended on their merits.

No. 12—No position is recommended on the Summer Daylight Saving Time measure.

New Deal's Bank Deposit Insurance Corporation Has Billion Reserve Now

State Federation News Service

Amid the recent hokum drive of the prostitute press on the federal welfare gains of the past 17 years, the national Labor League for Political Education has issued a review of one of the cornerstones of New Deal legislation, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

Because of this legislation, the American worker no longer has to worry about bank failures wiping out his life savings.

Because of the New Deal, deposits of $532 million, held by more than one million persons, have been saved when 407 banks failed in the past 15 years.

Because of that same New Deal, there is now real stability in bank operations.

Should protection of bank deposits be ended? Should your savings be lost when banks close? Shoud instability again be a perilous part of the American banking system?

The foes of the New Deal and the Fair Deal apparently think so. The very bankers whom the Government has aided through the FDIC, cry the loudest about the "welfare state" and the "socialism" tendencies of Roosevelt and Truman.

The 1948 annual report of the FDIC, just released, shows that three-fourths of the aid given by the agency has gone to New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey.

Large amounts have also been given to Michigan, Wisconsin, Virginia, Maine, Idaho, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico.

At a cost to taxpayers of only $25 million, the FDIC has built up a surplus of $1 billion to protect bank deposits. In 1948 only three banks failed in the nation.

FDIC insures up to $5,000. More than 92 percent of the 14,753 banks in the United States are insured.

Boycotting of Big Insurance Lobby Proceeds

State Federation News Service

The third week of the AFL boycott of private disability insurance plans found requests for workers' withdrawal forms passing the 60,000 mark, as additional pleas flooded the offices of the California State Federation of Labor.

Forms are being mailed local unions for distribution to workers seeking to terminate arrangements with private carriers under the unemployment disability insurance law. Unions desiring the necessary forms should write the California State Federation of Labor, 402 Flood Building, San Francisco 2, California.

Bay Area Employment About Same in Sept. as in August

State Govt. Release

Manufacturing employment in California generally increased in September but the gains were offset by seasonal contraction in fruit and vegetable canning and a major work stoppage, Paul Scharrenberg, Director of Industrial Relations, announced.

Manufacturing plants employed 755,700 wage and salary workers in September compared with 757,900 in the preceding month. Excluding the canning industry, employment in all other industries combined increased by 2,700 to 674,000 in September from 671,300 in August. This increase would have been greater if it had not been for the work stoppage.

The current employment level in state manufacturing industries of 757,900 compares with 802,900 in September a year ago.

The number of wage and salary workers in nondurable goods industries dropped by almost 2,500 as seasonal contraction in food processing industries and losses resulting from an industrial dispute affecting the sugar refining industry more than offset gains in apparel and other nondurable goods groups.

Wage and salary workers in nondurable goods plants totaled 374,900 in September compared with 377,300 in the previous month. In September a year ago 396,800 wage and salary workers were employed in these industries.

Employment in the apparel industry reached an all-time high of more than 49,000 workers this September.

Small gains in iron and steel products, electrical equipment, aircraft, and shipbuilding just about offset losses in heavy machinery, stone, clay and glass, automobiles and lumber so that employment in all durable goods industries combined remained approximately the same between August and September. Employment of 380,800 in durable goods industries in September was about the same as in August and compares with 406,100 in September 1948.

Danes Like Health Plan, Says Doctor

State Federation News Service

Danish doctors approve of that country's national health insurance program.

Jorgen Dich, a Danish educator who is now a visiting professor at the University of Wisconsin, reports: "I could safely offer $1,000 to anyone able to find a single doctor in Denmark who does not approve of the national social medicine program . . ."

"America is moving along the same path in regard to social welfare that was blazed by the Scandinavian countries. This is a healthy, progressive road that must eventually be followed by all truly democratic countries."

Dich was in charge of a Danish Government commission which recently surveyed medical opinion of the Danish health insurance plan.

Commie Line "Unity"

WASHINGTON (LPA) — Pro-Communist unions within CIO made two moves that will undoubtedly effect the course of the CIO convention which opens in Cleveland, October 31. Holding a caucus in Cleveland, they appealed to CIO President Philip Murray to maintain "unity" in the CIO, showing they do not intend to get out if they can help it. At the same time, it was revealed that the Farm Equipment Workers had made secret moves to merge with United Electrical Workers, the strongest left-wing CIO union.

Fight For Olds

WASHINGTON (LPA)—The fight to win Senate confirmation for Leland Olds for another term on the Federal Power Commission will be taken to the people by the Democratic leadership. A Senate committee voted against Olds, who for ten years has fought as an FPC member in the people's interest. He is being opposed by the power lobby.



The design shown above is priced at 25 for $2.00 with your name printed. Created by National Detroit Publishers, it is part of a selection that sparkles with spirited originality and traditional warmth.

It's time to think of your personal

CHRISTMAS CARDS

. . . that vital link in each of your friendships!

Choose from the BIGGEST most BEAUTIFUL most VARIED display of Christmas cards we've shown in many a year!

BUY NOW, SHOP LEISURELY

JOURNAL PRESS

Office—1236 Second Avenue
Plant—237 East 14th Street—TW. 3-1833

All of Our Cards Have the Union Label



KRIEG'S
East Fourteenth Street
AT 34TH AVENUE
KEllog 2-1313

ANDREW GROSS
MANUFACTURER OF FINE FELT
HATS
● Our Factory-to-You Prices Saves you the difference.
● All Hats Hand Blocked.
● Union Made - Union Labeled.
ANDREW GROSS
515 SIXTEENTH STREET
(Opposite EBMUD Office)
Phone TEmplebar 2-5563



"Always fresh!" Says Sister Su She eats MOTHER'S So should you!
You Can Depend On
MOTHER'S
Cakes Cookies

SQUEAKING WHEEL *Gets the Grease*
TYPEWRITERS
SMITH - CORONA
OFFICE MACHINES - PORTABLES
ADDING MACHINES
R. C. ALLEN
CASH REGISTERS - REPAIRS
ALEX F. SHEPHERD
Member Union Local 1597, A. F. of L.
A A OFFICE EQUIPMENT CO - - - - Phone LO. 9-5537
15694 EAST FOURTEENTH STREET - - Phone LU. 2-1731

HUDSON JEWELERS
"FRIENDLY CREDIT"
NATIONALLY ADVERTISED WATCHES
BLUE WHITE DIAMONDS
Expert Watch Repairing — Most Work Completed in Two Weeks
Phone TWinoaks 3-2664 — 100% Union Store — 1520 Broadway Oakland

MOVING?

ARE YOU MOVING TO A NEW ADDRESS?

The U. S. Post Office Department, under a new ruling, will no longer notify The East Bay Labor Journal of your new address. It is now your responsibility. Unless you notify this newspaper when you move, the post office will suspend delivery of your newspaper after two issues.

FILL OUT THE FORM AND MAIL TO US!

Otherwise, you will not receive your weekly newspaper. Furthermore, your union will be unable to keep in touch with you on important union meetings, death assessments and benefits and important communications.

Effective immediately I am moving to a new address.

Name.....Local No.....

Old Address.....City.....

New Address.....City.....

(Clip out and mail to The East Bay Labor Journal, P. O. Box 237, Oakland 4, California)

Lawrence of State BTC Heads Safety Group for Trades

State BTC Press Release

Frank A. Lawrence, General President of the State Building and Construction Trades Council of California, has been appointed chairman of the construction section of Governor Warren's conference on the development of a permanent California industrial safety organization.

Following a meeting of the coordinating committee of the conference, at the Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles October 12, the construction section met to consider various plans and proposals designed to implement the objectives of this industrial safety conference.

SAFETY GROUP NEEDED

Lawrence stressed the long-felt need of such a safety organization and declared:

"In view of the high number of accidents which occur in the building and construction industry, the importance of such an organization to these trades cannot be overemphasized."

Having had considerable experience with this kind of work, Lawrence is determined to see that such an organization will provide the maximum amount of protection to the building and construction trades workers of California.

In his capacity as General President of the State Council, Lawrence recently attended the national convention of the AFL Building Trades Department in St. Paul, Minnesota. While there, he discussed the problems facing the State Council with the various International Presidents and ranking officers of the Plumbers, Plasterers, Carpenters, Laborers, Engineers, Sheetmetal Workers, and other building trades unions. The international officials, recognizing the importance of having the State Council solidly supported by the local building trades councils and unions, promised full cooperation with President Lawrence in building up the State Council.

HUMPHREY'S SPEECH

Efforts are being made to arrange for a broadcast of Senator Hubert Humphrey's speech to the delegates of the Thirty-fourth Convention of the State Building and Construction Trades Council November 15 in Santa Barbara.

Governor Warren and other State dignitaries will also address the Convention. Judging from the number of credentials already received, this promises to be the biggest and most successful Convention the State Council has ever held.

President Lawrence reported that due to the recent recommendation of the State Convention of Painters in Santa Barbara that all locals should affiliate with the State Council, a number have already affiliated who did not formerly belong. In addition to these, there have been a number of other building trades unions who have joined the Council during the last few weeks.

UAW $100 Pension

DETROIT (LPA)—The solid industry front blocking union demands for retirement pensions was broken when the United Auto Workers-CIO reached an agreement with Ford Motor Co. providing $100 monthly pensions to Ford workers over 65. The settlement was reached just before a strike deadline for 116,000 Ford production workers throughout the country.

Supreme Court Ruling on Teacher Tenure Case Is Expected Soon

Teachers Union Release

The California State Federation of Teachers has always been much interested in teacher tenure, that is, the right of a teacher to keep his job until fired for a good cause.

According to L. S. Gerlough, a member of Local 61, San Francisco, some years ago the San Francisco union introduced in the state legislature a bill to extend tenure to all teachers of the state but the measure was defeated.

In the last session of the legislature the CSFT favored Assembly Bill 1774, Thompson, which would abolish the 850 ADA requirement for tenure, thus extending tenure to all school districts. This bill died in committee.

Local 61 of San Francisco is now involved in the Keenan Case concerning the tenure of a San Francisco teacher. In cities of over 60,000 the educational code provides that probationary teachers can be discharged only for just cause and that they are entitled to a hearing before the school board before dismissal. At least this was the common interpretation of the law until the San Francisco school board discharged Mrs. Keenan without a hearing.

With the assistance of Local 61 Mrs. Keenan's case has now gone to the Supreme Court where a decision is expected soon. The Los Angeles Board is reported to have joined the San Francisco Board in the case against Mrs. Keenan.

The CSFT is backing Local 61 in the Keenan case, and at the next session of the legislature a bill will be introduced to extend to all teachers of the state the tenure law now applying only to districts of over 60,000.

Although there is at present a statewide teachers' tenure law it gives teachers no protection at all during their first three years in any locality. At the end of any one of their first three years teachers (outside of San Francisco and Los Angeles) can be, and often are, fired without cause.

AMA Press Agent Quits

WASHINGTON (LPA)—For the second time in two years, the American Medical Association has been denounced for unprofessionel, dishonest and shady tactics in its fight against national health insurance. Goaded by AMA assertions that he'd been fired for incompetence, David Brown revealed that he had resigned a $15,000-a-year job with the AMA because he couldn't stomach the tactics of the doctors' $100,000-a-year publicity team of Whitaker and Baxter.

Record Dividend

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (LPA)—Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. is asking a second round rate increase from its Missouri customers of $5,000,000 a year. The same firm has paid to its parent company, American Telephone & Telegraph, the highest dividend of all Bell operating units in the last 11 years. The figures were brought out at the current hearing before the Missouri Public Service Commission on the company's application for higher rates.

A LITTLE SLOW

Alfred: "Why does Bertram only send one flower a day to Ethel?"

Tom: "He's saying it with flowers, and he stutters."

Food Stores, Other Retail Business Show Big Increase

State Chamber of Commerce

California retailers' cash registers rang up a new golden high note during 1948, when sales of retail stores totalled $11,697,414,000, according to the research department of the California State Chamber of Commerce. This was a rise of 7.5 percent of dollar volume of sales in 1947, and 226.9 percent higher than the 1939 total of $3,187,809,000.

The state's retail sales accounted for 9 percent of the nation's retail sales dollar volume last year. Nationally, retail sales volume increased 9.8 percent in dollar volume over 1947, and 209.1 percent above 1939, according to estimates of the Office of Business Economics, U. S. Department of Commerce.

Sales of durable goods—building materials, automobiles, household furnishings and jewelry—again led in sales percentage increase. The 1948 total of $3,459,462,000 for durable goods sales was 13.3 percent above the preceding year, and 301.6 percent over 1939, the State Chamber reported. In the non-durable goods field, retail sales were $8,237,952,000, or 5.2 percent over 1947 and 254.1 percent above 1939 levels.

Food stores, with a retail sales volume of $3,125,020,000 were highest ! dollar volume, with sales 8 percent above 1947.

Editorial comment on the food stores' income will be found on page 6.

The automotive group retail sales reached $1,678,406,000, which is 16.7 percent above 1947 retail sales of autos, parts and accessories.

Last year's sales of eating and drinking establishments, totalling $1,132,301,000 were 2 percent below 1947. Jewelry stores' retail sales total—$94,153,000—show a 5.9 percent drop from 1947. Sales of apparel stores last year were $820,100,000, or a shade better than equal to the preceding year's sales.

Last year was good for filling stations, whose $496,233,000 sales were up 15.4 percent over 1947. General merchandise establishments grossed $1,324,487,000 for a 7.8 percent gain over the preceding year. Drug stores' sales—$332,934,000—were up 1.3 percent, and other non-durable goods outlets had a trade volume of $1,006,877,000 for a 4.4 percent gain.

Building material and hardware sales reached $901,926,000 last year for a rise of 11.6 percent, and in the same period household furnishings retail sales rose 10.9 percent to a $784,977,000 total.

Farm Wages Drop, Employment Is Up

State Federation News Service

Farm wages on October 1 continued their decline from last year at a slightly sharper rate than shown in previous quarters this year, the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported this week.

The federal agency announced that the average of all wage rates, converted to an hourly basis, for the entire country was 59 cents this October compared to 62 cents a year ago, a decrease of 5 percent.

The number of persons at work on farms totaled 12,913,000 for the week of September 18-24. Farm employment was up 11 percent from a month earlier. The number of family workers increased as usual, while hired employment was up slightly in contrast to the usual small decline.

State Communist Party Protests Conviction of 11 Top Party Leaders

Communist Party Release

The California State Committee of the Communist Party issued a statement immediately following the conviction of the eleven Communist leaders characterizing the verdict as a "long step on the road toward a fascist police state", and calling upon the people to reverse the verdict through united action to protect American democracy.

The statement termed the trial a frameup against working class leaders similar to the cases of Mooney, and Sacco and Vanzetti, and pointed out that not a single act of force or violence was charged against any defendant by the prosecution. To the contrary, the Committee emphasized that the defendants "demonstrated that their every word and deed was aimed at preventing force and violence—the horrible violence of world war, the lynch terror and murder of the KKK, the organized force of big business against the trade unions and organizations of the people."

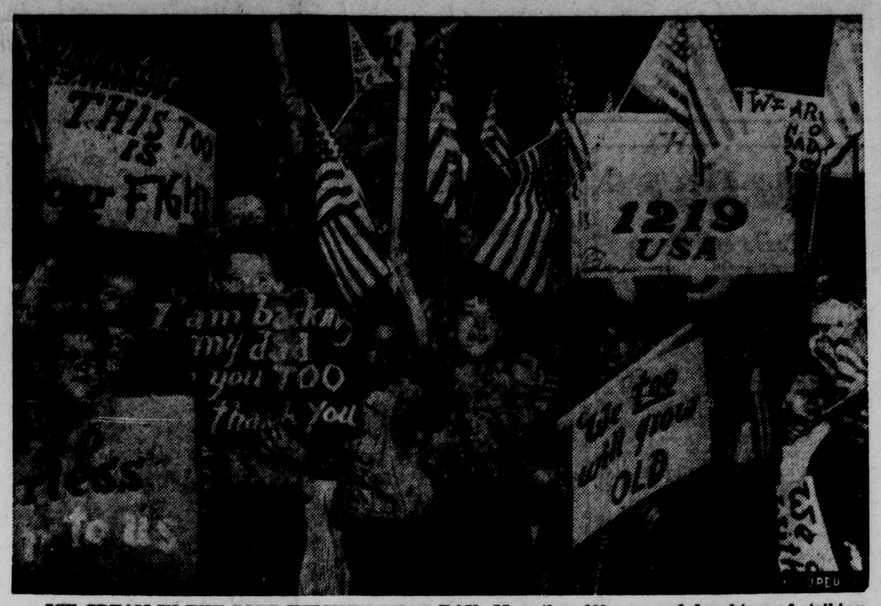
The statement warned that "When men can be convicted for 'holding dangerous thoughts', no one is safe," and added that "Any individual, and organization that differs from the policies of the political party in power may be next."

Steel, Coal Deadlocked

PITTSBURGH (LPA) — As the steel strike ended its second week, with the industry adamant, United Steelworkers-CIO President Philip Murray took his case to the nation, in a series of speeches. The coal walkout neared the end of its fourth week. United Mine Workers chief John L. Lewis announced the miners would return to work if the government seized the mines. Lewis also proposed that the United Mine Workers and the AFL chip in $2,500,000 a week to help the United Steelworkers.

JUST ABOUT RIGHT

Sign outside farm gate: "The only love that money can buy—puppies for sale."



ICE CREAM IN THE SOUP KITCHEN THAT DAY—More than 100 sons and daughters of striking steelworkers joined the picket lines at the Braddock, Pa., works of Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corporation. United Steelworkers-CIO is on strike against the big steel companies for a pension plan recommended by the presidential fact-finding board.—(LPA)

St. Sure 'Not Ready' to Face Election; Ash Makes Report

(Continued from Page 3)

Teamsters which had been considered on October 3 was as follows:

October 13, 1949.

To All Affiliated Unions:

The Teamsters threat to picket each and every store signing with Retail Food Clerks Local No. 870 has not sufficiently developed at this date to warrant the action of the councils at their special meeting of October3, and we therefore request your union to withhold this action until further notice. You are requested to continue calling special meetings and secure approval of the recommendations of the October 3 meeting.

CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL OF ALAMEDA COUNTY,
ROBERT S. ASH, Secretary.

Ash told the CLC delegates Monday night that there was great confusion among the Beck forces, with many officers and practically all the members of all locals out of sympathy with Beck's deal.

"Beck's whole program here is bogging down," said Ash, "so it seems advisable to watch the situation, and invoke the boycott if it seems necessary."

His recommendation was accepted by the Council.

BECK MENACE STRESSED

Al Silva, Auto Salesmen 1095, did not oppose the decision to hold the boycott in abeyance, but he spoke earnestly at the CLC meeting on the ambitions of Beck to control the labor movement.

"All the smaller unions had better watch out," said Silva. "We all know which unions Beck has marked for his next moves. If we don't stand together, we'll all go down.

"Beck and the people associated with him in this drive want to have only two unions in the United States: the CIO and the Teamsters."

BECK'S 'FASCIST FEDERATION'

Joe W. Chaudet, Typographical 36, warned the CLC delegates that labor was now witnessing the drive of a would-be dictator toward the forming of a "Fascist Federation" under the leadership of Beck.

Calling attention to what Ash had reported about the widespread fear of Beck among high international union officials, Chaudet asked:

"Where are we going in the AFL if more of our international unions haven't the guts to face this dictator who aspires to outdo Hitler and Mussolini?

"We're not going to win this fight against Beck here if we run to cover everytime somebody sends a wire. Unions and delegates have rights under the law, and should remember that fact.

"We should also remember that Beck is counting on unions in this Central Labor Council turning turtle and running. Beck is counting on what words coming from the East will do to scare us and make us give in to him."

TOBIN-SUFFRIDGE CONFERENCE

It was announced that arrangements had been made for Teamsters General President Dan Tobin and Clerks General Secretary Suffridge to meet in Indianapolis this coming Monday and discuss the relations between the two unions.

Ash in his report to the CLC and BTC had said that President Green asked if Suffridge would have any objection to conferring with Tobin.

Suffridge, said Ash, replied that he certainly would not, as he had been trying for two weeks to discuss the matter with Tobin.

It was assumed that President Green had got hold of Tobin and arranged for the Monday session.

THAT NLRB ELECTION

When a session was held in the regional NLRB office this week to discuss the Clerks' demand for a certification election, James F. Galliano, attorney for the Clerks, said that the proper unit for the election should be all the food stores in Alameda county for one unit and all those in Contra Costa county for another.

This was the unit which J. Paul St. Sure, attorney for the original open shop combine spearheaded by Safeway, had suggested in a letter to Galliano shortly before the strike began September 19.

When NLRB spokesmen asked if this unit were satisfactory to Safeway, their attorney said that he was not prepared to reply. A similar answer was given by the spokesman for Mathew Tobriner, Dave Beck's attorney.

It was agreed that another meeting with NLRB officials would be held at which time Beck's man and the Safeway man might be prepared to make their statements.

'BECK WAS IN EUROPE'

Beck's disclaimer of having started the assault on the AFL Food Clerks here was made in an article in his home town paper, the Washington Teamster. Th entire article is printed in another column on this page.

Beck made the disclaimer in connection with his battle with the International Association of Machinists over the Boeing plant in Seattle. He said he was in Europe when the trouble started in East Bay.

But observers of the local struggle noted that Beck's statement would make it possible for him to lay the entire blame for the fracas on Einar Mohn and William Conboy in case the Teamsters' drive completely collapsed, as there was some evidence that it was about to do.

Members of the Clerks Union were handing out leaflets to members, thanking them for refusing to cross the strikers' picket lines in front of the Lucky stores in Alameda county and the Safeway stores in Contra Costa county.

EDITOR'S WIRE TO BECK

The telegram sent to Beck by the editor of East Bay Labor Journal this week was as follows:

Mr. Dave Beck
Executive Vice-President
Teamsters International
Brotherhood
Seattle.

I would appreciate very much instructing your representatives in this area to give to East Bay Labor Journal each week any statement they wish to make to the AFL people of the East Bay. The practice of this paper, as you know, is to print in full any statement relevant to labor matters, whether or not such statement contains criticism of the policies of the paper.

Editor,
East Bay Labor Journal

IRVIN OUT OF TEMPLE

Fred Irvin, secretary-treasurer of Retail Delivery Drivers Local 588, had been summoned before the board of directors of the Labor Temple Association to show cause why his local should not be ousted from the new Labor Temple at 2315 Valdez.

The joint meeting of CLC and BTC executive board members, officers, and delegates, held October 3, had adopted as one of its measures the following:

"That each local union which is a member of the Labor Temple Association instruct its representatives on the board of directors of the Labor Temple Association to evict from the Labor Temple any union recruiting strikebreakers."

Einar Mohn, Beck's chief representative in the Bay Area, had said in his original attack on the striking clerks that "the local Retail Service Union" would stand prepared to man the struck stores, and charges were made by many unionists that although this was not the correct name of Irvin's local, the phone number of that local was being used by the Teamsters' officers in their drive to recruit scabs to take the striking clerks' places.

So Irvin was summoned to appear before the Labor Temple Association board. But he did not appear. He summoned a moving van, and moved his outfit to 1610 Harrison street, Oakland.

Labor Man Named

CHICAGO (LPA)—Willard Townsend, president of the United Transport Service Employes-CIO, has been named a member of the budget committee of the Chicago Community Chest. Townsend was the American member of the World Delegation to Study Labor Conditions In Japan and Korea. For the ILO and the State Department he did similar jobs in Cuba and Mexico. He is a member of the national committee of ADA and a vice chairman of the National Urban League.

IBEW Wage Increase

PITTSBURGH (LPA)—A general increase of 6 percent and liberalized pension and social insurance benefits have been won by the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers-AFL, for its members employed by the Duquesne Light company, which supplies the electric light and power for this city. Agreement on the two-year contract was reached after six weeks of bargaining.

Added Protection For Unemployed is Urged by Official

State Federation News Service

Robert C. Goodwin, Director of the Labor Department's Bureau of Employment Security, in an address to the administrators of the state employment security agencies meeting in New York recently urged them to cooperate with the Federal Government in strengthening the Federal-State employment security system by bolstering weaknesses in the unemployment insurance system and improving the job-finding facilities of the state employment services.

Goodwin said that the Federal Government and the states should move ahead vigorously to assure that the Federal-State employment security system will fulfill the promises held out when the program was established.

Summarized, Goodwin's recommendations included:

1—Eliminate the exemption of employers with less than eight workers and extend coverage to presently excluded groups.

2—Strengthen the functions of the state employment services by conducting vigorous employer relations programs in order to build up the number of job orders in local offices and by improving and extending its counseling services, especially for veterans and youth.

3—Assume leadership in community organization for the promotion of employment.

Goodwin cited three weaknesses in the present unemployment insurance system: It is not protecting the worker or maintaining purchasing power as adequately as it might well do; there is such great diversity in the state laws that it is confusing to the worker and expensive for the employer; and there are tendencies both in disqualifying provisions and financing that are undermining the system.

Union Scholarships

CHICAGO (LPA)—Sixteen Roosevelt College students have received Sidney Hillman scholarships for the 1949 fall term. The scholarships of eight others, granted last spring, have been continued. The fund, established in memory of the late and largest grant awarded any school by the Hillman Foundation, establilshed in memory of the late president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America-CIO. The grant was made because of outstanding service by Roosevelt College in uprooting bias and discrimination in education.

37,000 AFL Members in State Achieve Average 7¼ Cent Boost in September

State Federation News Service

Collective bargaining negotiations between AFL and related unions and their employers in California during the month of September resulted in wage increases and other benefits of approximately 7¼ cents an hour for the 37,000 workers involved.

The detailed listing below is compiled from reports in council newspapers.

BUILDING AND METAL TRADES

Bay Area Carpenters, 4 counties, and Associated General Contractors: 6½ cents; effective 6/15/49; 15,000 workers.

Boilermakers, 7 western states, and employers in field construction work: 8 cents; effective 10/1/49; about 5,000 workers in California.

Southern California District Council of Laborers, 12 southern counties, and Mason Contractors Exchange: 8 cents; effective 9/1/49; 3,000 workers.

Elevator Constructors No. 8, San Mateo, and employers: 13 cents; effective 10/3/49; about 150 workers.

Machinists No. 720, El Segundo, and Douglas Aircraft Company: 5 cents across the board, plus 2 cents for swing and graveyard shifts, improved sick leave, overtime and reporting time provisions; 9/49; 9,100 workers.

Furniture Workers No. 3141, San Francisco, and employers: 23 cents; 9/49; 55 workers.

Upholsterers No. 3, San Francisco, and 11 firms in casket industry: medical, life and accident insurance plan; 9/49; 160 workers.

CLERKS

Retail Clerks No. 373, Vallejo, and food store employers: $5.00 a week; retroactive to 6/1/49; 300 workers.

CULINARY

Culinary trades, Santa Barbara to San Diego, and Mannings, Inc.: wage increases; effective 9/12/49; 600 workers, not formerly covered by contract.

TEAMSTERS

Wholesale Warehousemen and Drivers, 5 southern California locals, and 64 wholesale grocery warehouse owners: $4.50 a week, improved vacation, sick and holiday pay; effective 9/4/49; 2,000 workers.

Bakery Wagon Drivers No. 432, Oakland, and Bakers Club (major East Bay bakeries): $3.00 to $4.00 a week; effective 10/1/49; 600 workers.

General Truck Drivers No. 624, San Rafael, and milk and ice cream employers: contract continued; 9/1/49; about 200 workers.

MISCELLANEOUS CRAFTS

Bakers No. 37, Los Angeles, and Latin, Pie and Hand Bakers: 7 cents, 5 cents, and 6 cents, and improved vacation clause; 9/49; about 200 workers.

Street Carmen No. 138, San Francisco, and California Cable Company: 2 cents; retroactive to 7/1/49; about 135 workers.

Bus Drivers No. 1309, San Diego, and San Diego Transit System: 4 cents 8/49; 600 workers.

Pension Law Defended by Labor Man on Its Merit

AFL Committee Against No. 2

SAN DIEGO—John W. Brown, secretary-treasurer of the California Council of Restaurant and Hotel Employes, and director of labor's campaign against Proposition 2 on the Nov. 8 special election ballot, left his San Diego headquarters Monday (Oct. 10) to address Central Labor Councils and other labor organizations throughout the state. His tour will end October 24.

Brown announced that he would defend the present pension law on its merit.

"Supporters of Proposition 2, without regard for the welfare of the state's needy aged and blind," Brown charged, "have raised many false issues in their campaign to repeal the present law.

"It is my intention to get back to the real issues and present them to organized labor in California. I am confident that once the issues are understood, labor will turn in an overwhelming vote against Proposition 2 on November 8."

PATRONIZE our ADVERTISERS

CLASSIFIED SECTION

BAKERIES

NELDAM'S
DANISH BAKERY
"Personal Catering Service"
Phones Piedmont 5-1967-68
3421 TELEGRAPH AVENUE

FLORISTS

THOMAS AMESS
Flowers - Plants for all Occasions
Member of Gardeners, Florists and Nurserymen's Union Local 1206
1640 San Pablo Ave. Berkeley
LAndscape 6-2061

Member of Gardeners, Florists and Nurserymen's Union No. 1206
FLORAL DESIGNS and CUT FLOWERS
McDONNELL BROS.
FLORISTS
5128 TELEGRAPH AVENUE
At Claremont Avenue
Phone OLYMPIC 2-5514

"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS"
TONY ROSSI
FLORIST :: FUNERAL DESIGNS
Member of Floral Telegraph Delivery
EAST 14TH STREET - AT 35TH AVENUE
Phone KEllog 4-2404

OAKLAND FLORAL DEPOT
Member of Gardeners, Florists and Nurserymen's Local No. 1206
928 WASHINGTON STREET
OAKLAND
Phone TEmplebar 2-0263

KEYS AND LOCKS

KEY & LOCK SPECIALISTS
Prompt Service for House Locksmithing
Call TEmplebar 2-4049
Rixon Floor Hinges, Steel Tapes, Etc.
Changing and Cleaning Safe Locks
TED'S KEY WORKS
BONDED LOCKSMITH
100 PER CENT UNION SHOP
579 - 14th Street
Between Clay and Jefferson
Formerly at 1330 Washington Street
Oakland 12, California - J. L. PEDRONI

OPTOMETRISTS

I. H. MACPHERSON & STAFF
(formerly F. W. LAUFER, Inc.)
Optometrists - Opticians
1438 SAN PABLO AVENUE
Phone HIghgate 4-4010
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

PRINTING

GOLDEN GATE PRESS
UNION PRINTERS
Proprietors Aggregate Over 100 Years' Continuous Membership In Printing Craft Unions
5700 SAN PABLO AVENUE
Phone OLYMPIC 2-1100

CHAPEL of the OAKS
3007 TELEGRAPH AVENUE
TEmplebar 2-6100
Frank J. Youell
DIRECTOR
Member of Painters' Local 127

Even if other medicines have failed to relieve your
COLD MISERIES
YOU OWE IT TO YOURSELF
TO TRY 666—IT'S DIFFERENT
666
LIQUID—TABLETS

"WELL, I SWAN!"
COMPLETE One-Stop SHOPPING
FOOD
Women's, Children's and Men's Clothing, Bedding, Housewares
Sundries
Tobaccos, Candies and Liquors
SWAN'S 10TH & WASHINGTON

Caswell's NATIONAL CREST Coffee
PHONE YOUR ORDER TO HIGHGATE 4-1017

WHEN YOU THINK OF
FURNITURE
CALL ON THE
American Furniture Co.
1103-1109 CLAY ST. - OAKLAND
GLencourt 1-8367

REDUCE FOOD COSTS
SAVE UP TO 50%
Buy Canned Goods at the Warehouse by the Case or Can
Open Daily, 9:00 A. M. to 5:30 P. M.
Closed Sundays
CANNERS WAREHOUSE OUTLET
N. E. Corner 8th and Castro Streets

CALL THE
Linen T-T Supply
100 Per Cent Union
730 29TH STREET
Highgate 4-0128
A. P. CALOU, Mgr.

MULKEY'S
Mattress Renovating
Box Springs Remade
TE 4-8543
E. 12th St. at 6th Ave.

AMERIO DRUG CO.
3 Locations to Serve You
1961 San Pablo Avenue
847 San Pablo Avenue, Albany
751 San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito

CLARENCE N.
COOPER
MORTUARY
"Built by Personal Service"
MAIN OFFICE
FRUITVALE AVE. AT EAST SIXTEENTH STREET
Telephone KEllog 3-4114
ELMHURST CHAPEL
EAST FOURTEENTH ST. AT EIGHTY-NINTH AVE.
Telephone TRinidad 2-4343

EAST LAWN CHAPEL
HANRAHAN, WADSWORTH, PINE & BORBA
A Mortuary of Distinction
East 14th Street at 5th Avenue
Oakland 6, California
GLencourt 1-6942

BOOST THE LABEL!

BUY UNION LABEL PRODUCTS ONLY

When making purchases always ask for the union label. If building a home or repairing one see that the men doing the plumbing or steamfitting work, painting job, etc., belong to the union. Ask to see their Card. Boost the union emblem and help yourself. Patronize and demand the following union cards:

REQUEST THIS LABEL — ALLIED PRINTING TRADES UNION LABEL COUNCIL EAST BAY CITIES — ON ALL YOUR PRINTING

LOOK FOR THIS EMBLEM

Try it Today- Superb **CRAIG** Service You'll Love it!
Superb Service Stations
100% UNION

EDITORIAL AND FEATURE PAGE OF THE EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

REPAIR THE ROOKERIES! THERE'S AN ORDINANCE!

In last week's issue we were unable to give the space which we felt it deserved to a report Hughie Rutledge, Painters 127, made at the meeting of the Building Trades Council, and to some comments made on the report by BTC Business Representative Jack Reynolds.

Rutledge had attended a regional meeting on housing held in San Francisco. He said that it was brought out at this meeting that grave as is the need for the construction of multiple housing, City, State, and Federal Governments are up against the fact that they do not themselves own enough land on which to locate this needed housing.

The socalled redevelopment program which, Rutledge pointed out, is simply a fancy name for slum clearance, also runs into obstacles. For if proposals are made to clear away even dirty old rookeries and firetraps to make room for new housing under a public program various landlord and real estate interests turn up as pressure groups to prevent the needed programs being made. Rutledge said that the delegates at the regional housing session were keenly aware of this problem, and it was agreed that if the people of the city, State, and nation are going to get housing in the volume that is needed, they've got to put up a hard fight for it.

Reynolds then pointed out that in Oakland, where we recently had ample proof of the way these landlord and real estate interests will fight housing progress, there is an ordinance long in effect which if enforced would go a long way toward meeting the situation Rutledge described.

This ordinance provides that all rental property in Oakland must be kept in good repair. If it is not kept in good repair, the city has the right to condemn it and tear it down as a menace to health and safety.

If the City Council would see to it that this ordinance is enforced, said Reynolds, in the first place a lot of old dwellings might be put into decent shape for human habitation; and in the second place, those landlords who refused to put their places in decent shape would have their rattletraps condemned.

Of course, this wouldn't necessarily clear of large enough pieces of land to provide room for a large multiple housing project. But it would do a great deal of good here and there, just the same. Moreover, there might be whole rows of houses past all reasonable repair that could be condemned if the enforcement of the ordinance really got under way.

We all know that the same landlord and realty interests opposed to public housing in general, and, in fact, opposed to any sort of civic progress whatsoever, would bob up in opposition to any genuine effort to enforce this ordinance against rookeries needing repair. But they'd have something mighty concrete to grapple with when they tried to contend that their old firetraps didn't need repair. And when they oppose the public housing program in general they can run off into loud abstractions about the danger of insulting mother, the flag, and the integrity of humanity by building a few homes for homeless people.

Those loud abstractions wouldn't impress even the gullible so much if they were raised in objection to repairing front steps about to fall to pieces, or to propping up a second story already halfway fallen down.

The same Oakland City Councilmen who had the courage to push through an application for activation of the Federal Housing Act in their city, might well consider this proposal that they simply begin enforcing an ordinance already on the books.

FOOD STORES MAKE BIG MONEY

On another page in this issue will be found the State Chamber of Commerce's report on the fact that "California retailers' cash registers rang up a new golden high note during 1948," and that "food stores, with a retail sales volume of $3,125,020,000, were highest in dollar volume, with sales 8 percent above 1948."

Evidently some of the big chains figured the best thing to do with that extra money they made in 1948 was to spend it financing Mr. St. Sure's scheme of forming a combination with Dave Beck to try to destroy the AFL Clerks Union.

NO HELP FROM NO SNAKES!

The Communist People's World and the Trotskyite Labor Action are both trying to make hay for their groups out of the current struggle of the AFL Clerks against the combination of Mr. St. Sure and Mr. Beck.

This was inevitable.

East Bay Labor Journal here and now and hereafter and everywhere repudiates any "help" offered by Stalinites or Trotskyites.

We regret that Mr. Beck has acted in such a way that both Stalinites and Trotskyites are given an opening for their propaganda, but we don't control Mr. Beck. What we do control is our own decision as to who is an ally, and who is an unwanted buttinsky. And on this our decision is clear and unequivocal—like the gentleman in the old story, "we don't want no help from no snakes!"

GOVERNOR WARREN says that dumping old American magazines with their attractive ads behind the Iron Curtain might be the way to win the cold war. Yeh, especially that issue of Collier's in which the Governor was quoted as saying one lobbyist has more influence with the Republican Legislature than he, the Governor, has.

"17 TENANTS Get Overcharges Back in San Jose Area: 150 Landlords Granted Increases." That's fine. There's nothing like keeping the batting average nice and regular. Wouldn't it be dreadful if 150 tenants got overcharges back, and only 17 landlords were granted rent boosts?

WHEN A MAN TELLS YOU that he's getting cynical about everything, so it doesn't much matter what he does in a particular crisis, don't you tell him anything any more than you would a jellyfish.

EAST BAY LABOR JOURNAL

Owned, Controlled and Published Every Friday by Central Labor and Building and Construction Trades Councils of Alameda County
2315 Valdez Street, Oakland 12 - - - - Phone TWinoaks 3-3833
Journal Press, 237 East Fourteenth Street - TWinoaks 3-1833 - 3-3833
For direct connection with Editor's desk - Telephone TEmplebar 2-2821

Determined a newspaper of general circulation (as defined by Section 4460 of Political Code) by decree of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda.
Entered as Second-class Matter, November 3, 1923, at the Postoffice at Oakland, California, Under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Subscription Rates—One year, $3.00; Single Copies 5 cents. Special Rates to Unions Subscribing in a Body.

LABOR PAPER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
CHARLES OMSTEAD, President PAUL JONES, Secretary
CENTRAL LABOR COUNCIL—Robert Ash, Central Labor Council; H. J. Badger, Cooks' Union No. 228; Douglas Geldert, Building Service Employes' Union No. 18; Jack Kopke, Paint Makers, Local 1101; Charles Omstead, Retail Food Clerks' Union No. 870.
BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION TRADES COUNCIL — William Breakfield, Painters, Local 127; Lloyd Child, Sheet Metal Workers, Local No. 216; Paul Jones, Laborers, Local No. 304; J. C. Reynolds, Building Trades Council; Tom Bryson, Operating Engineers, Local No. 3.

LOUIS BURGESS, Editor JOE W. CHAUDET, Business Manager

The advertisements printed in the Journal do not necessarily reflect the editorial policy of the paper, the same being paid advertising.

Friday, October 21, 1949

FRIEND AND FOE

In Radio and Press

HAROLD ICKES, "the old curmudgeon," rarely if ever minces his words. When a verbal surgery job needs to be done he does it. He told the Senate Interior Committee that Senator Sheridan Downey of California is guilty of "unbiased perjury" in his attacks on Reclamation Bureau officials.

Ickes suggested that Downey's sworn testimony be sent to the U. S. Attorney General for "appropriate action."

Ickes, referring to what he called "this socalled Democratic Senator from California," said that Downey "made no contribution either to the inception or the progress of the Central Valley Project which, in spite of him, remains one of the greatest natural resource undertakings ever conceived by man."

Far from helping Central Valley, Ickes pointed out that "on the contrary, Downey has harassed and obstructed, over the years, the development of the Central Valley, and has undertaken, by every possible means, openly or surreptitiously, to mullify, reverse or repeal basic laws and policies of the Congress under which this stupendous work has grown and flourished."

This statement by Ickes will annoy not only Downey, but the PG&E and the Associated Farmers, whose efforts to cripple and subvert the giant Central Valley Project Downey has so faithfully served. It will also make good campaign ammunition for Congresswoman Helen Gahagan Douglas of Californit, who recently announced that she will enter the Democratic primaries to endeavor to take Downey's seat in the Senate away from him.

Downey will find it difficult to explain to so able a campaigner as Congresswoman Douglas just how he hopes to keep nailed together his two planks of Labor and the Associated Farmers.

★ ★ ★

NO COMMENT ON THIS ONE, BUT HERE IT IS

Irvin Goodman, one of the attorneys for Harry Bridges in the latter's perjury case, told Federal Judge George B. Harris in San Francisco that even if Bridges did make a false statement during his naturalization proceedings he did not commit perjury.

Bridges is accused of falsely telling Superior Judge Thomas M. Foley during naturalization proceedings that he was not then and never had been a member of the Communist Partyy.

The attorney argued that this statement was neither competent nor material because membership in the Communist Party had no bearing on the naturalization proceeding.

At one point in the attorney's argument, reports Lawrence E. Davies of the New York Times, Judge Harris said:

"I do not follow your reasoning, and I do not go along with it."

That's what the Judge said. Okay, we're not going to say anything at all.

★ ★ ★

DULL, DULLER, DULLES HE HAS BEEN CALLED

Herbert H. Lehman, Democratic candidate for U. S. Senator from New York, commented the other day on the statement by his Republican opponent, Senator John Foster Dulles, that unless the American people checked now the trend toward an all-powerful centralized Federal Government they might have to fight their way back through "bloody" revolution.

Lehman said that "this inflammatory and dangerous doctrine throws a bright light on the evil and reactionary forces which still find shelter in the Republican Party."

Mr. Dulles' votes on issues before him during his few weeks in the Senate as a Dewey appointee throw some more of that "bright light" on the kind of thing this eminent Deweyite thinks we may have to overthrow with bloodshed if they ever get established in this country.

For Dulles, as the IAM Machinist points out, "straddled the fence on the Taft-Hartley repeal," lined up with the utility corporations against confirmation of Leland Olds for reappointment to the Federal Power Commission, opposed any type of Federal aid to education, opposed Federal health insurance, opposed the Brannan farm plan, opposed extension of the Wage and Hour Law to protect thousands of men and women working in the retail field.

So if we get these things, "we" will have to fight our way back to Americanism through bloody revolution!

CIVIL LIBERTIES

IAM Machinist

If working people have learned anything from the past 20 years, it is the conviction that we can't expect to hold and strengthen our unions if we permit the liberties of others to be suppressed. In the history of every dictatorship—whether it be fascist or communist—freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom of worship and the other personal liberties have been suppressed first. But, inevitably, as thunder follows lightning, the attack has turned next against labor. Free trade unions have never, in any country, been permitted to exist after civil liberties have been suppressed.

A LOT TO LEARN

An elderly woman was escorting two little girls round the Zoo. While they were looking at the stork, she told them the legend of the ungainly bird—how it was instrumental in bringing them to their mothers.

The children looked at each other in astonishment, and presently one whispered to the other: "Don't you think we ought to tell the dear old thing the truth?"

"Tell Your Fat Friend To Move Over!"



UNION LABEL ORIGINATED IN THE BAY AREA IN '74

Senator Paul H. Douglas of Illinois, elected in 1948 with the backing of organized labor, is sending out an extension of remarks from the Congressional Record containing an address on the "Union Label—Keynote for Prosperity," recently delivered over NBC by I. M. Ornburn, secretary-treasurer of the AFL Union Label Trades Department. Ornburn's account of the origin of the whole union label idea in the Bay Area is as follows:

Eighteen seventy-four was a stormy year. Congressional investigations and political squabbles over Government contracts swept our Nation's Capital. This stormy period of President Grant's administration, especially between 1873 and 1875, was marked with accusations that Congressmen were accepting bribes and those investigations failed to clear even the Vice Presidents of our country.

In this same year the Tweed Ring ruled New York elections and Tammany Hall boasted of its ability to buy the ignorant foreign vote and build personal fortunes from public money.

Our Secretary of War was impeached for selling Army supplies contracts and appointments to frontier trading posts and only escaped trial by resigning from his high position.

Kansas, Nebraska, and Minnesota were plagued by hordes of grasshoppers and crop damage was disastrous.

The national debt was little more than $2,000,000,000 as compared to today's debt of over two hundred and twenty-five billions.

Income tax revenue for the year was less than $150,000.

Alexander Graham Bell began the research which resulted, two years later, in the invention which made the human voice heard miles from its origin.

IN SAN FRANCISCO

So you see, that was a busy year in our history. Something far more important was taking place the same year—a discovery that was to make life more worthwhile for every citizen of the United States and Canada—something that was later to be the means of lengthening the average life span of all wage earners. It was to be directly responsible for the shorter workweek, thus making it possible for children and adults to enjoy more sunshine and give more time and thought to the affairs of home and church. This event took place in the city of San Francisco, Calif.

The old adage, "Necessity is the mother of invention," was brought into reality by a group of skilled artisans in the cigar industry who were enjoying excellent conditions of employment when suddenly their jobs began to slip away. Upon examination, it was found that smokers were changing from the brand of cigars those workers were making to a cheaper product.

What was the reason for the inception of the less expensive cigar? Was it improved methods of production? Not at all. Technological improvements were unheard of at that time. Then, could it be that manufacturers of the cheaper cigars had discovered a way to purchase raw materials at reduced costs? No. That was not the answer.

The workers were becoming discouraged when one among them suggested that as individuals they were helpless. Then for days there were meetings where the unemployed would join with the more fortunate workers on street corners and any other suitable meeting places. They were desperate. With no unemployment benefits to fall back on what was to be the solution to their problem? Should they appeal to charitable organizations for aid? No. They were too proud to seek charity.

THE IDEA!

Finally, the workers at one of the street corner meetings came to the unanimous conclusion concerning the reason for their plight. It was the competition of employers who were operating in unsanitary tenement houses and basements with coolie labor. Now, what was to be the workers' means of aiding their fair employers in recovering their business? An idea was born. Some visible mark of identification must be created so the public could be informed and thereby be able to discriminate between the cigars of the fair manufacturer and the product of nonunion employers who were gradually getting all the trade. This group of cigar makers went to their employers with the proposition to attach a white label to each box of cigars, thus indicating that the cigars were produced under good working conditions. The public soon realized that if the package did not bear the union label it was made in an unclean place by coolie labor.

Necessity had brought about an invention that was to protect the employment opportunities of workers everywhere. The idea of the union label spread like a forest fire. Workers in other industries adopted this same method of protecting their jobs. This same device was soon used by workers in other industries to protect their fair employers against firms which engaged in cheap, sweatshop labor in a reign of unfair competition.

BUSINESS WON'T PLAN, SAYS ECONOMISTS, SO GOV'T HAS TO

LLPE League Reporter

The Federal Government restrains business because the people demand checks on industry.

Sumner H. Slichter, professor of economics at Harvard University, reminds Americans of this important fact in an article in the September issue of Fortune magazine.

Slichter points out that, whether businessmen or any other persons like it or not, the economy of the United States has been moving from unbridled free enterprise to Government-controlled enterprise for the past 50 years. Why?

". . . the community has been more and more refusing to accept the results of free markets," Slichter writes. ". . . the community has sought to substitute public policies for the uncontrolled results of markets.

"Fifty years of revolt against the results produced by free markets has gradually transformed the economy from one of free enterprise into one of Government-guided enterprise.

"Today the community expects the Government to put a floor under some prices, a ceiling over others, to subsidize this industry, to put special taxes on that one, to regulate the terms on which money is lent and to some extent the purposes for which it is lent, to lend money itself, and to modify drastically the distribution of income. . . .

"There is still much room, of course, for individual decisions to determine what shall be purchased, what shall be made, and what methods of production shall be used. . . .

"Let there be no mistake . . . that a revolution has occurred in the economy of the U. S., and that it is still going on."

Slichter adds that power has shifted from businessmen to workers because of industry's own shortcomings.

He states, "The shift of power to employes has been aided by two conditions—by the rapid organization of employes and by the unwillingness of businessmen to go very far in offering constructive proposals for dealing with the problems that have emerged."

VERY UNKIND

A very small man married a widow who was unusually tall and large. A few weeks after the wedding one of the friends came upon him looking very glum.

"What's the matter?" asked the friend. "Isn't your new wife agreeable?"

"She's kindness itself," said the small one sadly.

"Isn't she a good housekeeper—a good cook?"

"None better in the world," said the groom drooping a little more.

"Then what's the matter?"

"I'd be perfectly happy," blurted the little man, "if people didn't call me 'the widow's mite'!"

"He is so generous," said a girl, praising a young man of her acquaintance. "He takes mother and me out to dinner every week, we dote on him. In fact," she added with a smile, "we table d'hote on him."

WOMEN *in this World*

By EDITH McCONN

WE ALL DREAM of "one world." But in Copenhagen, Denmark, there has been founded a "world school" which may bring our one world a step closer. It is called the "Bernadotte" school, in honor of the Palestine mediator who died in the cause of world peace.

Three years ago, a Danish teacher, G. J. Arvin, wrote an article for an educational journal called "The Danish School of Tomorrow." Mrs. Mary Stewart, the widow of a United States professor, read it and was so impressed that she immediately got hold of Mr. Arvin and introduced him to United States officials in Copenhagen.

A year later a conference was called and 600 persons from all over the world attended. It took two years more to raise funds and complete plans, but now at last the school is in operation and 270 pupils are in attendance.

What sort of a school is this? Its founders state its aim as follows:

"The training of children to meet the needs of social life within their own country and at the same time, qualify them to become active and suitable members of a world community."

The children attending this school are from Britain, Bulgaria, Denmark, France, the Netherlands, China, Spain, Sweden, Czechoslovakia, the United States, Poland and South Africa. They are the children of embassy officials, doctors, reporters and other professional and business men residing in Scandinavia.

Mr. Arvin, who is now head master of the school, said that it would aim at broad international culture. The children may work in one or two languages, but English is compulsory.

It is the hope of the founders that other schools such as this one will be established in other countries. Mr. Arvin states that he and the teachers in his school stand ready to cooperate with other such projects.

Similar schools are already being planned both in this country and Britain. They can't come too fast, for such projects as this are our best and surest defense against the atomic bomb.

★ ★ ★

Women Now Have Political Freedom in 50 Countries

We've had votes for women and equal or almost equal rights for them in this country for so long that we now take them for granted. Perhaps we are also inclined to take for granted that we are far ahead of most countries in this respect.

In a world wide survey made by the United Nations, it was found that women have full political freedom in fifty countries of the world. In eight other countries they have partial rights. In thirteen countries, mostly in Latin America and the Middle East, they still do not have the right to vote or hold public office.

Even some of these countries are weakening. In Colombia, Costa Rica, Egypt and Lebannon, proposals are now being made to enfranchise women.

In Latin America, Ecuador was the pioneer in granting suffrage to women, "literate" women having been given the vote in 1920, and all women in 1946.

Women are serving with cabinet rank in eleven countries. In four others, including our own, women hold diplomatic posts.

Well, why not? Women are people. They are citizens. They have as big a stake in their respective countries as do men. It is not only their right, but their duty, to share the cares and responsibilities of government.

Women are still a little group conscious, however. Their rights are newly won, and some women are a bit belligerent about them, while others are a bit shy.

More women still, however, are too much like their husbands and brothers, indifferent. This indifference is the real foe, the greatest menace to democracy. Perhaps before women entirely lose their group consciousness, they will decide to do something about it.

★ ★ ★

Elves, Gnomes, Fairy Princes Take to the Underground

In Czechoslovakia they are purging the children's books. No more fairy princes or fanciful tales of witches and dragons and wicked queens.

All queens are wicked, and all princes and princesses, according to the authorities in this little country which is trying to live an iron-curtain life. No more fairy-tale nonsense! The children of the country must learn that life is real, life is earnest.

"Our children shall no longer find their examples in the princes of fairy stories but in the shock workers and heroes of work," says M. Kujal, chairman of the government's Editorial Committee.

More, even, than in our own country, are fairy and folk tales loved and told by the peoples of these European lands. Some of the most engaging tales of all have come from Russia itself.

Premier Gottwald, who no doubt hopes to replace the fairy prince in the legends of his country, may himself be the victim of a fairy-tale. Does he think he can wave a magic wand and in the twinkling of an eye change the habits and tastes of a whole people?

The people of these lands are not as dependent upon books as we are in this country. Stories and tales are passed on by word of mouth far more than they are with us.

The fairy princes may have to live a secret life from now on, but it is hard to believe that they will not continue to live. They won't get out where Mr. Gottwald can shoot at them, but they'll be around in those mysterious hidden places where fairies have always dwelt.

People's World Please Copy

By JOHN SWATTEM

I bet my last bright nickel
The blamed old Hammer and Sickle
Helped to frame the smelly
Squeezeplay made on Shelley.

DRIVE FOR MILLION NEW MEMBERS OPENED BY AFL

AFL News Service

The American Federation of Labor ordered a two-pronged drive for 1950 to organize a million new members and to repeal the Taft-Hartley law by electing a liberal Congress.

Winding up its 68th annual convention, the AFL welded this strong platform of action on the domestic front to a program of world action backing up the formation of a new democratic free international trade union organization and supporting a firm United States foreign policy to repel communism and fascism in Asia, Europe and Latin America.

The convention sounded a cry for a new battle against the Taft-Hartley law. Its repeal was listed as the paramount issue of a broad 1950 platform. The convention's closing sessions brought these outstanding developments:

1. Plans to start in January a drive for a million new members as a tribute to Samuel Gompers, first AFL president, and to coordinate it with the political education campaign for repeal of Taft-Hartley and election of a liberal Congress.

2. Adoption of an international relations program supporting formation of a new free democratic world labor organization next month in London and urging against appeasement of communism and fascism anywhere.

3. Unanimous reelection of AFL President William Green, Secretary-Treasurer George Meany and all other members of the Executive Council.

4. Adoption of proposals to get the Senate to liberalize the social security bill passed by the House of Representatives; to get congressional enactment of a broad national health program, and repeal of taxes on sales, payrolls, amusements.

5. A change in the convention meeting time to the third Monday in September annually and receipt of invitations to go to Houston, Texas; Cleveland, or Miami in 1950.

6. Speeches by Secretary of Defense Louis A. Johnson and Maritime Commission Chairman Philip Fleming, praising AFL cooperation in building the national defense. Both pledged continued cooperation with the AFL.

7. Endorsement of a shorter work-week to spread jobs and reduce unemployment.

8. Further moves to induce the International Association of Machinists to reaffiliate with the AFL and to merge all organized labor under the AFL banner.

The convention undertook a drive for a million new members next year as a means of paying tribute to the memory of Mr. Gompers on the 100th anniversary of his birth in 1850. It directed "complete coordination of political activity with the expansion of organization among the unorganized."

"These two gigantic efforts," the convention said, "cannot help but increase the prestige and membership of the AFL and at the same time protect the welfare and democracy of all organized workers."

The AFL expressed disappointment with the failure of the 81st Congress to repeal the Taft-Hartley law in accordance with the mandate given by the 1948 elections.

"If the 81st Congress persists in its refusal to act affirmatively," the convention said, "we are prepared again to take our appeal to the people of this country and to make Taft-Hartley repeal the paramount issue of the 1950 congressional election campaign.

"Though defeated in our first attempt because our adversaries had a few more votes in Congress than we, it is our determination to redouble our efforts in wiping out this majority and elect to Congress men who will heed and carry out the will of the people. Borrowing a phrase from President Truman's message to this convention, 'Taft-Hartley repeal is America's unfinished business now, not the business alone of the labor movement, but that of every fair-minded citizen of our land.'"

THE FARMER GETS A PAYCUT

Farmers Union Herald

The farmers of the country—always the first to feel the effects of a depression—received another pay cut during August, according to official government figures. Farmers collected 18 percent less for their food and fiber during August this year than August, 1948. They were cut from $2.7 billion to $2.2 billion.

The mid-August parity level for the whole country was just 101. This is the lowest since Pearl Harbor. The ratio of farmers's income to outgo was lower in the Northwest, following sharp grain price drops.

During the first nine months, total farm income was $18.8 billion compared with $21.1 billion for the same period last year. Food grains—including wheat—fell an average of 35 percent in the year.

WE DON'T PATRONIZE

The following persons and firms, after a thorough examination into the causes at issue, have been deemed unworthy of the patronage of members of organized labor and their friends:

BAKERS, CONFECTIONERS

Peter Paul, Inc., 1001 81st Ave.
Hoffman Candy Co., Los Angeles Calif.

DRUG STORES

Stier Drug Co., 3407 Lakeshore, Oakland

LOCKSMITHS

All locksmiths in the East Bay area not displaying the union shop card.

PRINTING-NEWSPAPERS

Life
Time
West Coast Printing Co., 467 4th St.
Saturday Evening Post
Ladies' Home Journal
Country Gentleman

STORES

Clinnick Appliance Co., Fruitvale and MacArthur, Oakland.
Berland's 1741 Telegraph.
Cannon's Shoe Store, 1030 Washington St., Oakland.
Feltman & Curme, 1208 Washington St., and 1932 Telegraph Ave.
Nisley Shoe Store, 1425 Broadway.
F. W. Woolworth Company, Hayward.
Vine Pastry Shop, 2114 Vine St., Berkeley

APARTMENT HOUSES

Graystone Apartments, 26 Penox Ave.

BARBER SHOPS

The Star Barber Shop, 1926 University Ave., Berkeley
Barber Shop, 5482 College Ave.

RESTAURANTS

White Log Taverns

SIGN AND SHOW CARD CONTRACTORS

Herb Hobson Company, 3113 Dwight Way, Berkeley
East Bay Sign Company, 2645 San Pablo Ave., Oakland

MISCELLANEOUS

Jud Whitehead Heater Co., 4111 Broadway, Oakland West MacArthur and San Pablo, Oakland
I. Magnin Co.
E. I. DuPont de Nemours, Paint Manufacturing Co., South San Francisco
Phil's Used Car Lot, 3350 San Pablo Avenue, Oakland
Hotel Menlo, 13th & Webster Sts., Oakland
Sealy Mattress Co., 6699 San Pablo Ave.
Bannum Truck Company
Gantner & Mattern Co., 3rd and Berry Sts., San Francisco
West Coast Macaroni Manufacturing Co., 1250 - 57th Avenue, Oakland
Blackstone Mfg. Co., N. Y., Tools and Implements
National Mattress Co., 920 - 54th Ave.
National Nut Company, 362 Fourth St.
Goldstone Bros., Overalls
Portland Hotel, 476 - 9th St., Oakland
All Scale Companies not displaying the Union Shop Card
General Refrigeration Service Co., 5777 Grove Street, Oakland, California
Rio Theatre, Park Street, Alameda
Sea Bee Construction Company 1241 - 35th Avenue, Oakland California
Times Theatre, Webster Street, Alameda, California